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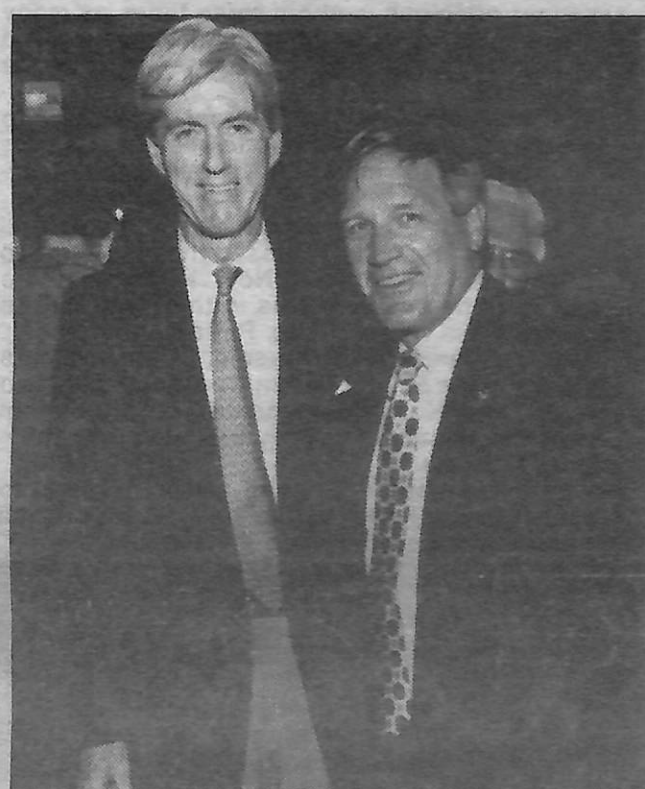
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Reception Held For Attorney General Harshbarger



MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL Scott Harshbarger was honored at a reception sponsored by State Rep. & Mrs. Michael P. Walsh at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Pictured with Harshbarger, from left - retired Judge William T. Walsh, Sr., Rep. Walsh, Harshbarger, former State Rep. Walter T. Kerr, and Edward Carroll, Jr., owner and operator of Riverside Amusement Park. MORE PHOTOS INSIDE...Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Springfield Street Business Beautifies Area



SEVERAL WEEKS AGO we ran a photo (from a similar angle) of the landscaping work done by the owners of V & F Auto Parts & Service on Springfield Street at a cost of more than \$1,500. We received so much positive feedback from those who agree that any facelift of this street is most appreciated. Both the Mayor and the town's Beautification Committee commended Vincent and Frank Palange. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Middle School May Lose Post Of Asst. Principal

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its June 28th meeting, the School Committee will consider eliminating the post of assistant principal at the Middle School, despite Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder's recommendation that the position be filled in September.

Since the appointment of Robert Farrell as the new principal at Phelps School in April, the school has been without an assistant principal for the first time since the building became a middle school in 1973.

At the June 14th meeting, Ryder told the School Committee he placed the resolution seeking to delete the position of assistant principal at the Middle School on the committee's agenda at the request of three School Committee members.

Ryder reminded the committee it was his policy to place items on the agenda only of three committee members joined in the request.

Ryder said he intended to argue against the resolution which states that "the Middle School has functioned without any noticeable loss of services and/or benefits to its students" while the position has been vacant. The resolution concluded that the \$45,617 budgeted for the position could be used to pay for an additional classroom teacher as well as a "considerable amount of school supplies."

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After the meeting, Ryder said, "A building with more than 650 students should have an assistant (principal)."

Ryder said if the School Committee eliminates the position, he will propose retaining an assistant principal on a half-time basis, with the other half of the position being as a grant writer and curriculum supervisor to interconnect the curriculum at the Middle School and the Junior High.

PTO President Urges Rejection Of Proposal

During Citizen's Speak time, Middle School PTO President Helen Manning urged the committee to reject the proposal to eliminate the assistant principal. Mrs. Manning argued that it was unrealistic to compare the Middle School with elementary schools that have only one administrator.

Mrs. Manning said with a student population of 676, the Middle School actually serves 216 more students than the largest elementary school (Robinson Park School has 507 students) because 95 of its students are kindergarteners who attend half-day sessions.

Additionally, Mrs. Manning pointed out that the four elementary schools generally have four to five buses transporting students while the Middle School has 10 buses. She noted that most of the students are bus riders, unlike the neighborhood elementary schools which have a larger proportion of students who are walkers.

Mrs. Manning added that the number of reports of bus misconducts (which are handled by the assistant principal) is about three times as many as those reported so far this year at Robinson and only eight less than the number reported at the Junior High.

Mrs. Manning asked the School Committee to "do some soul-searching and to keep in mind the best interest of the children" in making their decision.

School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni said she had originally proposed the resolution to eliminate the assistant. "Now is the time to reevaluate the position. This is the ideal time to do it while it's vacant," Mrs. Pettazzoni stated.

Member Teresa Kozloski said, "I urge parents to come (to the School Committee meeting) in two weeks." Mrs. Kozloski suggested calling School Committee members so they will know what people are thinking.

Member Roberta Doering asked Ryder to prepare a report suggesting options other than eliminating the position completely.

Stating she had heard some concerns from the community that the administration was top-heavy, member Linda Galarneau asked for a report on the background of the position.

Member Scott Macey said, "It's important for parents to let us know what your feelings are." Macey urged his fellow School Committee members to meet with Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella and with former Middle School Assistant Principals Farrell and William Sapelli. Macey said he was "very enlightened" after speaking with the three administrators.

First Responsibility That Of Principal

Zavarella said he is doing the best he can to assume the duties of the assistant principal, but his first responsibility is to discharge his own duties as principal.

With the administrative staff cut in half, Zavarella said he is forced to establish priorities "sometimes for the day, sometimes for the moment."

"You can do that in the short run and survive, but in the long run, it couldn't be anything but detrimental," Zavarella said.

While no formal job description currently exists detailing the position of Middle School assistant principal, the assistant principals in the past have been charged with maintaining discipline throughout the school, supervising students and staff in the cafeteria on a daily basis, and acting as liaison with the bus company over the enforcement of the rules for student conduct on the buses.

In addition to coordinating assemblies throughout the school year, the assistant principal helps with the selection of textbooks, participates in classroom observation of the faculty, assists substitute teachers, serves as the school's audiovisual coordinator, and provides support to the principal in the day-to-day operation of the school.

According to Zavarella, the smooth running of the school without an assistant principal on board for the past two months is the direct result of having had two administrators on the job.

The restoration of the position of assistant principal is part of the School Improvement Plan submitted to the School Committee as mandated by education reform. The committee has 30 days to assess the plan and must then vote to accept or reject it.

Both the school improvement council and the Middle School faculty have unanimously sent letters to the School Committee urging the position be filled.

Fire Wise**by Fire Chief David Pisano
Fire Safety For
The Handicapped**

Handicapped persons require separate fire safety precautions and plans tailored to their special needs. Whether at home or at work, the handicapped person creates unique demands and knowledge. The handicapped person, in many cases, presents the same educational and safety demands as children or the elderly.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that all handicapped persons be registered with the fire department to facilitate the necessary actions or precautions in the event of a fire. The handicapped person may require extra time to escape, call for help, or even be alerted to a fire or other emergency.

Handicapped persons should contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 to request a representative to help identify their special fire safety needs and to assist them. A specially tailored plan must be developed.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of PRINCESS REALTY, INC., which is appealing the decision of the Fire Chief in accordance with Section 2-8, Paragraph C of the Town Charter concerning the installation of automatic sprinklers at the premises identified as **Longbrook Estates Condominiums, 1485 Suffield Street.**

By order of Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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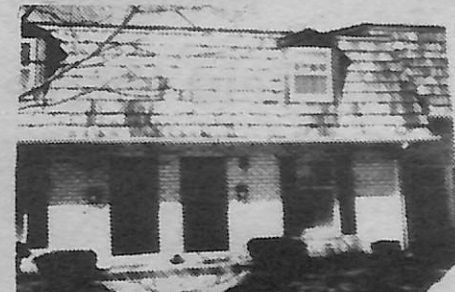
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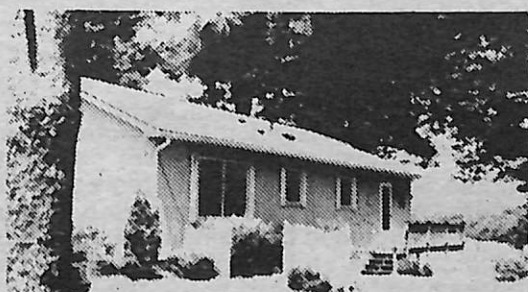
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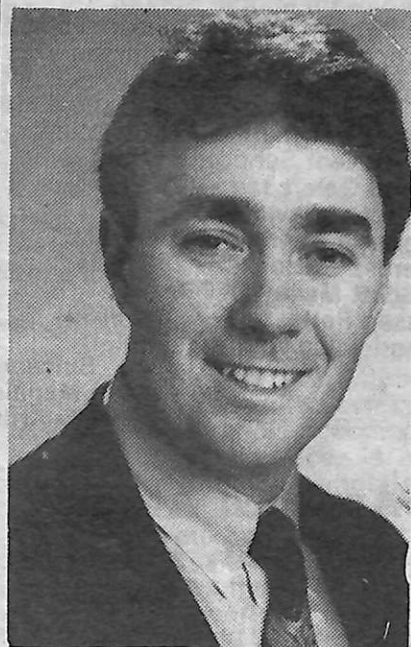
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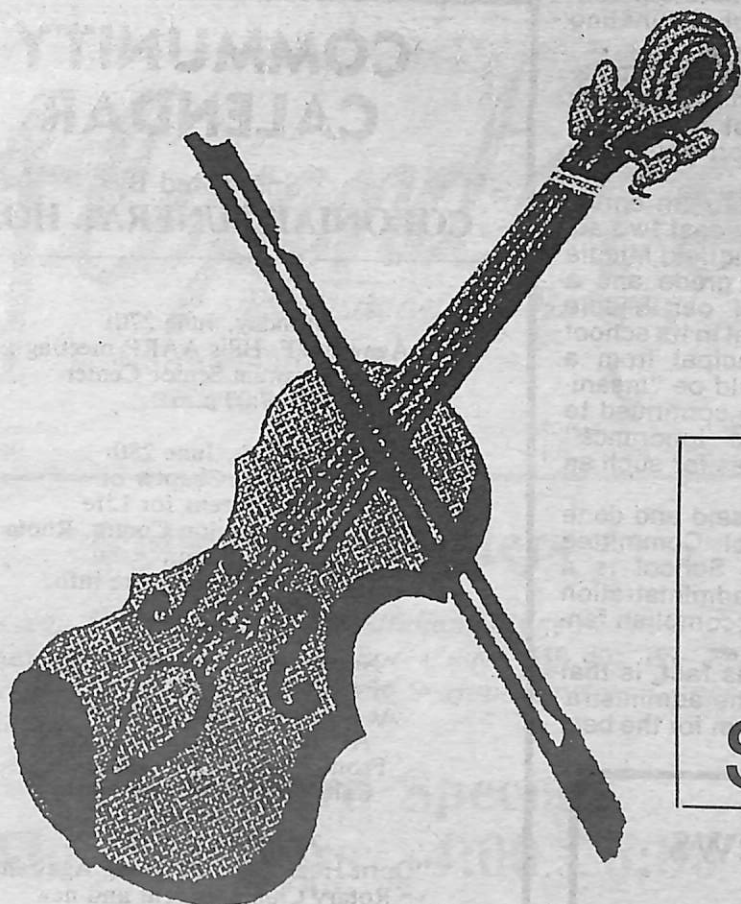


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Letters To The Editor

Soccer Association Coaches Get High Marks For Spring

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all coaches in the boys', girls', suburban, and in-town Agawam Soccer Association teams this spring, regardless of where you finished!

Having fun and performing excellent sportsmanship makes all the difference in the world!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

F.H. Resident Thanks Police For Retrieving Stolen Car

To The Editor:

This is an example of the professional manner in which the public is served by the Agawam Police Department—efficiently and with no rewarding positive publicity.

Having heard a disturbance in the parking lot, I looked out the door and observed my car being driven away. I dialed 911 and (according to the police report) my call was logged in at 10:00 p.m., and a note was made at 10:13 p.m. that the 14 year-old boy driving my car was stopped and arrested and my car towed.

I am extremely grateful and appreciative for the recovery of my vehicle.

Sincerely,
Jean Ayotte
31 Country View
Feeding Hills

J.W. Wimpy's Restaurant Has "Joie De Vivre"

To The Editor:

Letters to the Editor very rarely publish any article on people supporting their local business. We believe it is important to support local business and this particular support comes easily.

For several years, my wife and I have regularly visited J.W. Wimpy's on Walnut Street in Agawam because we genuinely enjoy the food, low prices, excellent service, and camaraderie we always experience.

There is a kind of joie de vivre there that we don't experience at other restaurants. It is an intimate atmosphere, yet with plenty of room for privacy if that's what you want. The waitresses are efficient and friendly also and, of course, we have our favorite.

Owners Frank and Dominic help seat people and there is personal contact with them that allows for conversation, compliments, and complaints, though there is seldom any of the latter.

What about the food, you say? Well, the basic menu has a wide variety of entrees. There are always specials every day and the prices are well within the range of the every day working man's pocketbook.

The newspapers have never reviewed J.W. Wimpy's and we feel it is time for the general public to know more about a local restaurant that it could enjoy as we have and at the same time, support your local business.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Colburn
Agawam

B.F.I. Says White Goods Must Be Separated From Bulk Waste

To The Editor:

Due to the landfill recycling regulations, all white goods must be brought in separately from the regular bulk waste.

Starting June 1st, 1994, B.F.I. (Browning-Ferris Industries) will start an alternating pick-up every other month. On all even months, we will be picking up all white goods and metal products. On the odd months, we will be picking up all non-metal bulk products, such as mattresses, box springs, wood, furniture, and large plastic products.

You still will be given your normal pick-up set up by the Town. Due to the fact that you can only put out one item every other month, you may now start putting out two items. For example, a washer and dryer on even months and a mattress and couch on odd months.

If you have any questions, please call B.F.I. at 592-9411. Thank you.

Bill Nichols
Operations Manager

Middle School Can't Function Without Asst. Principal

To The Editor:

As many parents realize, the School Committee agenda for this week includes one concerning the position of the vice-principal of the Middle School. I sincerely hope that when each of our elected officials (who promised to keep the welfare of our children at the focal point of all their negotiations) finish their homework, that the result will be a formal declaration in the support of this position.

One thing is for certain. We have a well-working Middle School. Other communities look to the Agawam Middle School as an example of such. Why have certain members of the School Committee even mentioned the possibility of eliminating this position?

As we all realize, the Middle School's population is 676 students. This is a very difficult age for all young people. A caring School Committee should be trying to add more support people for our youngsters—not less.

Every surrounding town's schools with enrollments of over 500 students have at least two administrators. (In fact, the West Springfield Middle School, which only has the sixth grade and a population less than half that of our Middle School, has called for a vice-principal in its school improvement plan.) A school principal from a neighboring community said it would be "insanity" to try to operate otherwise. He continued to say that "personal agendas and ignorance" should not be acceptable as excuses for such an action by elected officials.

I can only hope that when all is said and done that the members of the School Committee realize that the Agawam Middle School is a school of which to be proud. The administration and staff work well together and accomplish fantastic things.

One of the major reasons for this fact, is that there have been two members of the administration at the school that work as a team for the best

interests of the students, the staff, and the community. No one person can be expected to carry on all that is required of two people in a school the size of the Agawam Middle School.

At the last School Committee meeting, a member asked for input from the community. Mrs. Pettazzoni asked concerned citizens to call each member of the School Committee and the Mayor. Included, for your convenience, are the telephone numbers of the present School Committee:

Mrs. Linda Galarneau — 789-0245
Mrs. Louise David — 786-7447
Mrs. Roberta Doering — 786-2323
Mrs. Teresa Kozloski — 786-6934
Mr. Scott Macey — 789-1230
Mrs. Susan Pettazzoni — 786-9699

Please call and voice your concern.

Sincerely,
Helen Manning
Feeding Hills

Resident Appalled At Move To Eliminate Asst. Principal

To The Editor:

One of the reasons that I chose the community of Agawam to move to several years ago was the well-run Middle School.

I am appalled that anyone would think about eliminating the position of vice-principal. How can one person keep on top of all that is going on at that busy school, which has before and afternoon activities as well as a student population of 676.

As a parent of four children, I also know that you can not even begin to compare the needs of younger elementary children to those of 11 and 12 year-olds. It's bad enough that a former school committee, in its wisdom, eliminated a guidance position at this level!

Is there something else here? The welfare of our children should be paramount!! Be realistic! How can one person do all that your are asking!!!!???

Lee Rullmann
Parent of four children
Agawam

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, June 27th
Agawam/F. Hills AARP meeting
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Tuesday, June 28th
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At Ag. Police Station Comm. Room
7:30 p.m.
Call 789-4117 for more info

Friday, July 1st
Nocturnal Adoration Society
of Agawam & West Springfield
At St. Ann's Church, Memorial
Avenue in West Springfield
From 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Call 788-4116 for more info

Thursday, July 7th
"Open House" for outgoing Agawam
Rotary Club president and new
Agawam Police Chief, Robert Campbell
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At Alexander's Restaurant, F. Hills
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - from Page 4...

DARE Officer Gallerani On State Training Team

To The Editor:

DARE Officer Donald Gallerani recently returned from Richmond, Virginia where he attended a one-week training course for certification as a DARE Mentor. His new status places him on the Massachusetts State Training Team, where he will be responsible for training new DARE officers from across the state.

Officer Gallerani was chosen from a field of experienced DARE officers applying for one of five positions available. After further training as apprentice to a veteran mentor, he will be teaching at two-week schools scheduled across the state twice a year. These schools accommodate 40 officers per training. Each officer is required to spend two weeks at the training hotel where they receive instruction on how to start DARE programs within their communities.

Officer Gallerani has been a police officer for eight years and Agawam's DARE officer for the past three years. He is certified in the Junior High School curriculum as well as elementary and middle school classes. As a former DARE Mentor recently retired from the state training staff, I'm proud to see Officer Gallerani selected to carry on.

The Massachusetts team was recently accredited as being among the top staffs in the country and Donald will be a welcome addition. Having been involved in 13 two-week schools over the past four years, I have seen over 500 DARE officers trained across the state. The job of training these officers is both difficult and rewarding.

I will always remember my time on staff as some of the best times of my life. I cannot think of a more dedicated, qualified person than Officer Gallerani to carry on the fine traditions of DARE within the state.

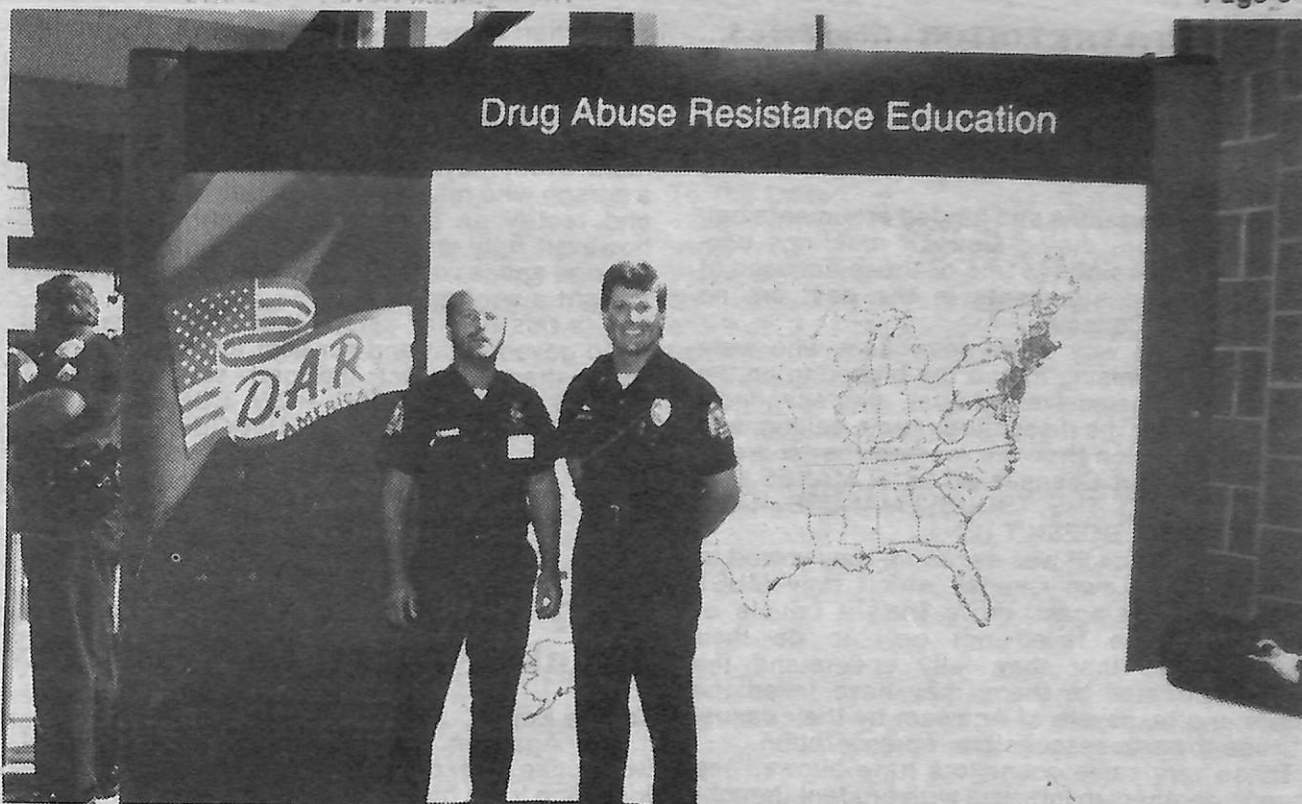
Good luck, Don!

Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Council Must Be Concerned With Welfare Of Town

To The Editor:

We, as well as members of Town Council, must concentrate on the welfare of our town. We must create income for our town. The whole emphasis



AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER WAYNE MACEY (left) and DARE Officer Donald Gallerani at a training conference in Winston Salem, North Carolina. (SEE LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON LEFT COLUMN).

of the town's efforts has been buying open land for parks, sports, and not one iota of effort has been placed on the need for industry to create jobs and expand the tax base.

When are the council and the Mayor going to recognize and keep the taxpayers in mind?

This administration hasn't spent one word in the direction of creating income and jobs. We must create an aura of wanting business and helping business to locate here. The taxpayers need it.

Every effort by the Mayor has been an expenditure, without one word for seeking out income ventures and sources to accomplish this. We haven't even been given a band-aid of support to welcome industry and jobs for the taxpayers.

The Mayor has created a five-year capitol needs report that will cost \$24 million, which does not include the interest and insurance costs (5½ per-

cent). The Mayor has deliberately shunned the Economic Development and Industrial Commission (EDIC) and their efforts.

Taxpayers - you have a sorry state of affairs ahead - spend, borrow, spend, borrow, and spend and borrow - this is all you can look forward to.

The council is responsible for giving us, the EDIC, the tools and money necessary to grow. The Mayor ignored to list the EDIC for a budget request report. We, the EDIC, can't even get a budget book. Why? Shame on the Mayor and the council for ignoring the EDIC.

Thank-you
Valentine R. Moreno
EDIC Member

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - from Page 5...

More Council Bickering Points To The Real Troublemakers

To The Editor:

Recent discussions and heated arguments between councilors during Council meetings continues. And, long after some of those accused of causing heated arguments in the past are no longer on the Council.

Some of the very same councilors who were elected by promising to end the bickering on the Council are themselves almost singlehandedly responsible for the dissention, name calling, and general confusion that has marked the tenure of this and previous Councils, so far. IT MAKES YOU WONDER WHO THE TROUBLEMAKERS HAVE REALLY BEEN, DOESN'T IT?

When the Council was sworn in, they vowed to abide by the Town Charter which they MUST UPHOLD. Once again, more than a couple of councilors have failed not only to do their homework so that they fully understand the issues entrusted to them, they have failed the voters and taxpayers of Agawam by their casual attitude towards responsible representation.

These very same councilors have allowed the agenda of others to interfere with prudent thought and discussion. Their willingness to ignore the written rules and procedure, to violate the Separation of Powers Doctrine, and to devote themselves to Rubber Stamp Government, have led to the constant turmoil and bickering on this and previous Councils. IT MAKES YOU WONDER WHO IS TRULY REPRESENTING US, DOESN'T IT?

At least some councilors, such as those voting against an improper act such as the recent grant application for the golf course, have the wisdom and courage to speak and act responsibly and vote in our best interest. They do not just follow the other "LEMMINGS" wherever the Administration or other special interest lead them.

Those councilors who voted in favor of the grant application have once again ignored and violated the concept of good government. What is most disturbing is that those same councilors continue to either knowingly vote in favor of improper matters or vote on issues they know nothing about. In either case, it is improper, inept, and irresponsible government. It is also a reminder of the same cavalier irresponsibility, by these same councilors, that surrounded the issue of abusive treatment towards the Council Clerk a few weeks ago.

Those councilors opposing the grant application did so not because they want the golf course to fail. They did so because they have the courage and wisdom to not allow government in Agawam to become compromised and, therefore, made a decision based on factual information, knowledge, and common sense. WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY AN ISSUE SHOULD BE DECIDED AND A VOTE MADE, ISN'T IT?

As a past councilor, I voted in favor of acquiring the golf course and I still think it was a good decision to buy it. I have and will continue to favor open space and public recreation.

I also believe strongly in applying for every grant that we, as a community, qualify for. I don't care if it is one dollar or a million. If it is free money, we should take it. I, however, strongly believe that things should be done properly and we all should oppose doing things illegally or improperly.

I also, like everyone else, want to see the golf course succeed. I, however, oppose taking a potentially profitable business venture and turning it into a questionable governmental investment. As Councilor Balboni has stated, "We should run the golf course like a business and not like a government."

Unfortunately, too many public officials are ignoring the wisdom of Councilor Balboni's statement not only concerning the golf course, but also our community.

Once again, during last night's Council meeting and the previous one, this Council has shown which members are fully aware of the issue at hand. We have again been shown which have the courage to vote their own minds and make a decision based on honest research and factual information.

It is unfortunate that more Councilors do not vote based on independent thought or the Town's best interest. Agawam's government and the taxpayers who foot the bill, would be far better off.

Even when some Councilors have the opportunity to rectify an erroneous decision, they arrogantly ignore the opportunity.

This only tells us that they could care less how we feel and they have no respect for good government. Well, maybe we should have no respect for a person who refuses to admit they are not perfect and rectify an error in judgement. We should, however, fully respect a person who admits their failings and is willing to do whatever is necessary to right a wrong.

It is this type of person that truly cares about good government and our best interest and does more than just act the part superficially. IT MAKES YOU WONDER HOW SOME OF OUR COUNCILORS GOT ELECTED, DOESN'T IT?

Sincerely,
Louis J. Russo
Feeding Hills

Early Childhood Center Says Thanks For End-Of-Year Party

To The Editor:

The Agawam Early Childhood Center School would like to express their sincere thanks to the following local businesses for their generous contributions to our "End of School Celebration," which was held on June 16th at the Perry Lane Park:

Lily Of The Valley Flowers & Gifts—corsages for the teachers.

Longmeadow Flowers—mini-carnations for the tables.

Agawam Flower Shop—daisies for the tables. E. Cecchi Farms—plants for the tables (and they will be planted at the school).

Yard Card—Welcome Card.

Following the celebration, the daisies and mini-carnations were given to Heritage Hall.

We would also like to thank all the parents who baked for the party; their support helped make our party a success. The leftover food was donated to the Open Pantry of West Springfield.

Again, thanks to one and all for making our children's last day of school a memorable one.

Carol Ann Ruehl
Co-Chairperson, Party Committee

Jr. Women's Club Appreciates Support For Youth Art Exhibit

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank all the students from the Agawam Middle School and Agawam Junior High School who recently participated in our Student Art Exhibit.

Held in conjunction with our Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on June 4th, this Art Exhibit displayed some of the outstanding talent that is being nurtured in our schools.

Everyone who viewed the exhibit was impressed by the artistic ability these students possess. We are all looking forward to seeing more entries next year.

Sincerely,
The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Jr. High Non-User Member Defends Action Of "Friend"

To The Editor:

My name is Kate Anderson. For the past two years I have been a member of the Non-Users Club Advisory Panel at the Agawam Junior High School.

I am writing in response to a letter in the June 2nd issue submitted by Thomas Ciccolini, "Turned In A Friend For Dealing Pot At High School."

I was very shocked by the reactions of Thomas' fellow students, and shocked especially at the behavior of the "user's" father.

I am a leader of a group that helps to promote the good of staying clean and sober. The "user's" father was quoted as saying that his "kid had been getting help for his addiction" and that Thomas Ciccolini's actions had "ruined his life."

Part of recovering is learning that you don't keep selling and using drugs. Turning in the "user" or "dealer" may save that person's life.

The students that put Thomas down are in effect saying that they accept drugs and drug use. I want to let Thomas know that he is the one that is right, and I support him absolutely. I hope that it helps him to know that I and many others in Agawam are on his side.

Sincerely,
Kate Anderson
Agawam

Middle School Grade 5 Band & Chorus Deserve Much Praise

To The Editor:

I would like to take the time to say a word of praise for the Agawam Middle School Grade 5 Band and Grade 5 Chorus.

My wife and I went to see our granddaughter, Aleesha Grimaldi, perform the flute. I was very impressed with the way the concert was put on. These students should get a lot of credit for the way they performed so well.

And a lot of praise and credit to Mrs. Linda Webb, Director, and Mrs. Leslie Thenerpiper, accompanist, for the expert teaching and directing of the chorus.

And Mr. Longstreeth for the teaching and directing of the band. He and his students deserve a lot of praise and credit for an excellent job well done. The songs selected were not boring and not dragged out. It moved right along.

Thanks to them, my wife and I had a very memorable night.

James White, Jr.
Agawam

P.S. We're looking forward to the next one.

Health Dir. Thanks AAN For Publicity On Waste Collection

To The Editor:

The Agawam Board of Health and I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to editor/publisher Richard Sardella and *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the excellent publicity provided for the Household Hazardous Collection held on June 11th, 1994.

The collection was huge success because of your support.

Yours truly,
Ronald Young
Agawam Health Director

SHAA Baseball/Softball Coaches Congratulated

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all coaches in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association boys' and girls' baseball and softball teams this spring, no matter what the outcome was!

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Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - from Page 6...

Middle School Will Be Hurt By Loss Of Asst. Principal**To The Editor:**

At the next School Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 28th, the decision of whether or not to eliminate the job position of assistant principal at the Middle School will be voted on.

My concern as a parent is how can the school maintain its current standards of discipline and safety (as well as monitor misconduct problems on the buses to and from school) with a 50% loss of administrative personnel. Maintaining discipline and safety is certainly a full-time job in itself, especially as drug problems, violence, pipe bombs, and gang disturbances increase in our town and surrounding communities.

It is ridiculous to even consider that the principal, Mr. Zavarella, should be expected to assume the duties of the assistant principal and maintain discipline and safety in addition to his many responsibilities as principal. Every one of us can identify with the fact that when one takes on too much responsibility, something has to let go.

Are we willing to sit back and see good school programs, extra-curricular activities, a positive school environment between faculty, students, and staff, and a place where our children feel safe (just to name a few), be sacrificed because a few people feel that an assistant principal at a Middle School is not needed ... even though it has about one class-size less students than the Junior High School, which has an assistant principal?

The children are the ones who are going to be affected in the long run. When the principal is unavailable to see parents, faculty members, or students due to insufficient staffing, you are going to see a total reduction in school communication and school spirit. Is this what we want for the children, the teachers, and ourselves?

Please call the School Committee members to voice your concern before the meeting on June 28th. Please come to the School Committee meeting to show your support. We can make the difference for our children's future by taking a stand on this important issue that ultimately will affect us all.

Sincerely,
Pat Reveruzzi,
A concerned Agawam parent

Pay Raises For Councilors Most Irresponsible Proposal**To The Editor:**

A recent article in a local newspaper reported that Councilor Robert Danie plans to propose an ordinance amendment that will increase the pay the Mayor and councilors receive. Council President Jim Taylor agrees that a \$3,000 raise for each Councilor is "fair." I can't say strongly enough how fiscally irresponsible this is.

In the first place, I certainly hope that people are not running for council seats in order to supplement their income. I hope that they are there to serve the town of Agawam and its citizens in the best interest of both.

The \$2,000 they receive now is just supposed to be a stipend; just a way of saying thank you for your time and trouble. It might be that expenses are incurred during a councilor's tenure, but each candidate should be aware that THEY are responsible for those expenses, not the town.

Secondly, to compare the Mayor's salary with that of other town employees is irrelevant. The Mayor should be earning a salary comparable to the manager he replaced; any more than that should reflect an increase in duties and responsibilities.

Finally, how can pay raises be justified for our city officials at this time when the town is in dire need of more space and more teachers in our schools, a new fire station, and a new DPW garage?

This possible pay raise will cost the town \$38,000 a year. That \$38,000 could pay for a teacher and a half that are so desperately needed, or it could be used to hire a police officer. When money is so scarce as it is now, we must set our priorities and stick with them.

And, even though it can be said that we can choose not to re-elect those councilors who vote for such a raise, the fact remains that if the raise is voted on and passed, that money will still be wasted on future councilors.

Wake up, Agawam! Our children, the future of this town, or city, or whatever you name it, are losing out because of the greed and irresponsibility of the chosen few. It is high time that we check wasteful spending at the door in order to protect the future of Agawam.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Mounemneh
Feeding Hills

Rap On Youth Coaches Was Not Deserved!**To The Editor:**

I am writing in reply to a letter published last week by a Little League mom whose son participates in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. While I agree in principle that there are some coaches who take winning too seriously, I was troubled by the coaches that the Little League mom accused of this.

My son is also a member of that same SHAA team. Both my husband and I have found the coach and assistant coach to be fair with all the players. The boys have been allowed to try most positions. Some of the boys rarely come to practice, and still they all play.

My son is one of the 10 year-old players. He and the other 10 year-olds play most of the innings (but not all), not because they're great players and the coaches are only interested in winning, but because they are 10 year-olds.

When he first started as an eight year-old in the 8-10 division, he played only a few innings. The coaches and parents with older children told us this was commonly referred to as "paying your dues." Next year when these 10 year-olds move up to the 10-12 age group, they'll be the ones not playing the whole game again. It may not be the perfect method, but it takes into account the learning progression and attention level of eight, nine, and 10 year-olds.

Coaches also have a responsibility to try and protect younger players from injury. An eight year-old's arm is not as developed as a 10 year-old's. Most eight year-olds are still learning the basics. You can't put a younger player in a position if he's not able to handle it—he could be seriously hurt. This other parent should realize that.

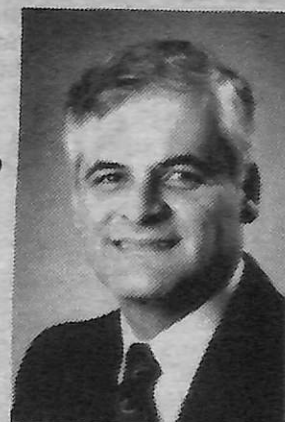
Most people (unless they've coached before themselves) have no idea how much time and energy these coaches devote to the kids. In addition to all the practice time and games, most coaches also attend numerous organizational and coaches' meetings. Many parents just drop kids off at practice (and use the coaches as babysitters); they show up only for games.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - from Page 7...

While I agree that coaches should set a good example for their players, I do believe a coach has the responsibility to question an umpire on a bad call, as long as it is done without yelling or bad language being used.

Yes, the assistant coach on this team did lose his cool once and yelled at a couple of the kids. His wife was very quick to point out to him that he needed to calm down; he apologized later to the coach and kids. This was an isolated incidence, not an everyday occurrence like the other mom made it sound.

Lastly, I'd like to say that both my husband and I have been involved with coaching for many years. We both felt that these two coaches have done a good job with the boys and have been more than fair. They have stressed fun, teamwork, and sportsmanship above winning since the very start of the season.

In my opinion, the views expressed in this letter would seem to more accurately represent the opinion of the majority of parents associated with this team.

Nancy Cullen
Feeding Hills

Parent Of AHS Grad Praises Class Of 1994

To The Editor:
Dear Class of 1994:

I would like to first congratulate you on your graduation. You worked long and hard and we are all proud of you!

More than that, however, I would like to say how truly impressed I was at the manner in which you handled yourselves during the graduation ceremony. We often dump on you when you do things wrong; we seldom praise you when you act appropriately.

You did everything right on June 5th, 1994. You were excited and happy (as you should have been). You were exuberant in your celebration (this was also as it should have been). But above and beyond that, you handled yourselves like mature, responsible people. You had a good time yet, at the same time, made all of us proud to be in your presence.

Many graduations recently have been less than successful. You did yourselves proud. I am honored to have known many of you in grade school, and I am extremely proud of one of you (of course you know her—she's the one who let all of

Anti-Smoking Program Funding Supported By Senator Melconian

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has backed a fiscally responsible approach to funding the state's anti-smoking and health programs authorized under the Question 1 referendum passed by voters in 1992 during the recent Senate deliberations on the state budget.

"For the current fiscal year (FY 94), the state had more money to spend on the programs authorized under the ballot question than the state will have in the coming fiscal year (FY 95)," Melconian explained. "Because the 25¢ smoking tax began on January 1st, 1993, we had 18 months of revenue to spend in 12 months for FY 94."

"This fiscal year, which begins July 1st, 1994, we return to normalcy, with 12 months of revenue to pay for 12 months of expenditures," she continued. "We cannot spend money we do not have. The Senate Ways and Means Committee decided to

Symphony Hall know how old her mom and dad are).

Best of luck in the future in all that you do. You have been and will continue to be a unique group.

Love you all!
Phyllis A. Lewis
Feeding Hills

Bitzas Commends Many For Flag Day Ceremonies

To The Editor:

The second Annual Agawam-West Springfield Flag Day celebration was held Tuesday, June 14th. In spite of the rainy weather, the ceremonies were a success.

The people of Agawam and West Springfield, along with Mayor Johnson of Agawam and West Springfield's Board of Selectmen Chairman Blackie, elected officials and dignitaries came together to honor our national symbol for which many fought and died.

I would like to thank the Junior High Band and their director, Miss Watson, for a wonderful job, the Lions Club, and Dave's Pet Food City for the refreshments.

Thanks also to the West Springfield and Agawam elected officials, dignitaries, the Agawam, Southwick, Tolland Veteran's Agent, Ruth Bitzas, the clergy, representatives of the American Legion, VFW, and the National Guard, the West Springfield Recreation Department, Agawam DPW, State Representative Michael Walsh, and the residents of both communities who attended the ceremonies.

Special thanks to Linda, Jennifer, Pam, Zoafia, Mike, and Seth for their assistance in making the event a success.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam Town Council Vice President

Two School Comm. Members Thanked For School Visit

To The Editor:

In the week since the School Committee had placed the vice-principalship of the Agawam Middle School on its agenda, only Mrs. Teresa Kozloski and Mr. Scott Macey have had the time to visit the staff and administration of the Agawam Middle School to get their input on this important subject.

Thank you, Teresa and Scott, for doing your homework on this important issue.

Helen Manning
Feeding Hills

Hazardous Waste Collection Is A Huge Success

The Town of Agawam held its first Household Hazardous Waste Collection since 1989 on June 11th, 1994. Triumvirate Environmental, Inc., who operated the collection, processed 525 resident vehicles. This number is slightly less than the combined total for both the 1988 and 1989 events, making the collection a huge success.

To have a successful event requires hours of preparation and the support and concern of many people. At this time, the efforts of the following are to be acknowledged and appreciated:

1. Ric Sardella, publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser-News*.
2. Lions Club members—John Negrucci, Don Rheault, Anthony Bonavita, Bob Gravel, Lyman Simpson, and George Fedora.
3. Assigned members of the Agawam Police, Fire, and Custodial Departments.
4. Agawam School Department and students.
5. Jack Stone and Aldo Mancini, Department of Public Works.
6. Browning Ferris Industries (BFI).
7. Agawam Big Y, Food Mart, and Stop & Shop.
8. Triumvirate Environmental, Inc.

A special thank you must be extended to Mayor Christopher Johnson for the additional financial support provided. Also, to Bill Euliano, Chairman of the Agawam Board of Health, for his assistance during and especially after the collection concluded.

Finally, thank you to those residents of the community who took the time to participate in the event and show their concern for the environment.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on JULY 5, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the application of the AGAWAM BOWL of 359 WALNUT STREET EXT. for a license to operate bowling alleys for amusement in the Town of Agawam.

Richard M. Theroux
Town Clerk

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Melconian Says Budget Has Features That Help Local Towns

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that there are several line items in the proposed FY'95 state budget that will benefit the cities and towns in her district, as well as all of Western Massachusetts.

"Gang activity and street violence are no longer an isolated problem of the inner cities; it has expanded from other cities and states into our own communities. Presently, my colleagues and I are fighting for \$11.16 million in funding of two line items that will increase public safety by way of community policing grants," stated Melconian.

She continued, "First, there is \$5 million for those communities who received grants from the FY'94 budget. These communities shall receive the same amount of funding in the FY'95 budget."

"In the second line item, there are additional monies earmarked for specific cities, such as Chicopee, Springfield, Holyoke, and others that are experiencing extraordinary health and safety problems as a result of increased gang activity and street violence. This line item also includes \$1 million for new grant proposals that are to be awarded on a competitive basis," said Melconian.

Secondly, included in the FY'95 Senate Ways & Means Budget is a line item for an increase in the Hampden County District Attorney's office. This additional funding will help to expedite the prosecution of the serious criminal cases in superior court. Additionally, these resources will help with the investigations of criminal activity (specifically gang activity) which can help to prevent crimes from taking place.

Also included in the proposed FY'95 budget for the crime laboratory is \$150,000 earmarked for funding of a satellite Western Massachusetts crime laboratory to be located at the Agawam criminal justice training council.

"This crime lab is long overdue. The communities of Western Massachusetts must wait weeks to have the evidence that they submit for analysis to be returned from Boston. This waiting period only prolongs cases, allows criminals to walk the streets freely, and ties up the courts. This crime laboratory will now assist in prosecuting and convicting criminals at a much more rapid pace," stated Melconian.

"These funding measures are just a few steps in trying to improve law enforcement by providing the tools and resources that police and prosecutors need to fight crime effectively in Hampden County," she concluded.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 7, 1994 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a request to change the street name of Lancaster Place.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 7, 1994 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Claude Guidetti for a revision to the Grading Plan for Glendale Road Ext.

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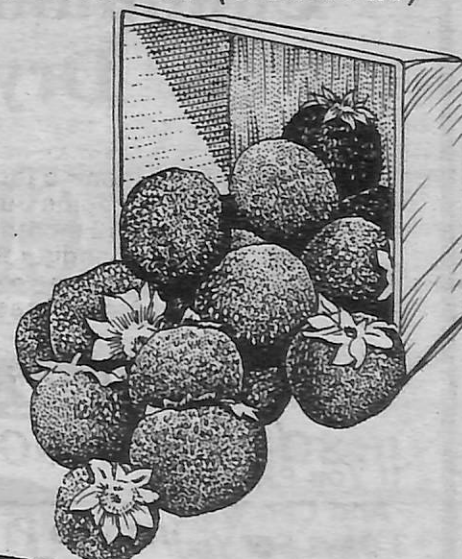
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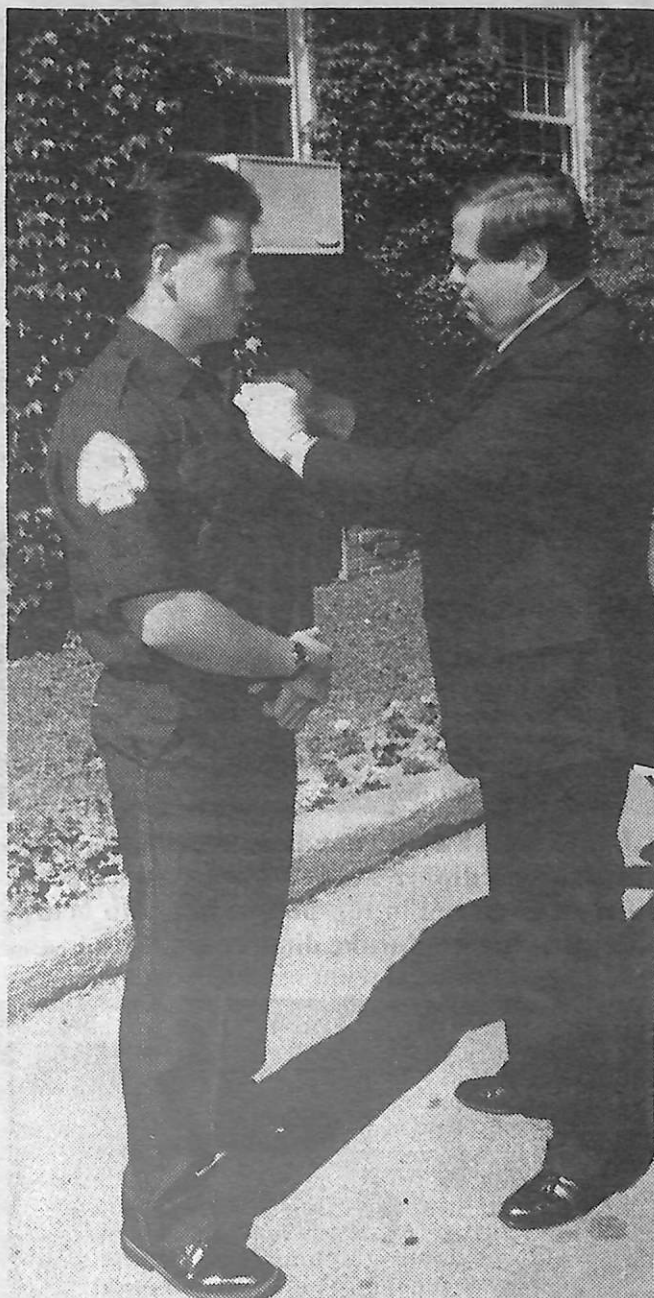
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NEW AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL pins a badge on his son, Jeff, a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School, in front of Town Hall. Jeff is now a member of the town's Auxiliary Police Force. He will be attending college this fall and will major in criminal justice. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Democrats Out In Strength For Harshbarger



MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL SCOTT HARSHBARGER was honored at a reception at the Captain Charles Leonard House. IN TOP PHOTO, Harshbarger is pictured with Barbara Barton Dunn, chairwoman of the town's Democratic Committee, and Joanne Willis. IN PHOTO BELOW, local officials who attended included, from left - State Rep. Michael P. Walsh, Thomas Murphy, Harshbarger, Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe, and Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH sponsored by reception for Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Walsh (left) is pictured with resident Louis Miodowski, Harshbarger, and Edward G. Borgatti, Sr. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 1 & 10. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council To Lease Old Agawam Ctr. Library To Head Start Program

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With a green light from Town Solicitor Thomas Locke, Town Council approved the lease of the Old Agawam Center Library to Westfield Head Start for a period of three years at their Monday, June 20th meeting with a vote of 8-2 and one present.

Under the terms of the lease, the federally-funded program will offer pre-school services to income eligible families in Agawam.

Currently housed in temporary quarters at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, the program has been serving 16 pre-schoolers and their families since March while searching for a permanent home.

Working with Westfield Head Start Director Maggie Adams, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has been investigating several possible sites for the pre-school since November of last year.

Johnson said in addition to being an asset to the community and "a tremendous program," Head Start often serves as a qualifying factor in a community's ability to secure grants.

According to Ms. Adams, 80 families in Agawam meet the income eligibility for inclusion in the program which offers a comprehensive pre-school and family support services package at no cost.

Currently serving 16 youngsters, the program has set aside four of its slots for the fall for children identified as having special needs. Ms. Adams said the program is federally-mandated to reserve 10% of its openings for special needs children. However, she anticipates no problem filling the slots if not enough special needs students apply.

Application for the program can be made through the Westfield Head Start office.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of DEPALMA/PACELLA, INC., which is appealing the decision of the Fire Chief in accordance with Section 2-8, Paragraph C of the Town Charter concerning the installation of automatic sprinklers at the premises identified as CASTLE HILLS CONDOMINIUMS, 133 SILVER STREET.

By order of Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Agawam Obituaries

Richard J. Mandeville

Richard J. Mandeville, 46, of 188 Beekman Drive, Agawam, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. He was a service manager for Lewbar Imports Inc. of West Springfield for 12 years, and worked previously for Casey Chevrolet in Chicopee.

He was born in Springfield, and was a lifelong Agawam resident. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, and belonged to the Agawam Revolver Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Elizabeth Pearson; a son, Zachary, and daughter, Nicole Mandeville, of New Jersey; a stepson, Scott Ritchie of the Marine Corps, stationed in Jacksonville, North Carolina; a stepdaughter, Sara Ritchie of Agawam; his mother, Eleanor (Bencivenni) Mandeville; a brother, James W. of Granby; a sister, Joyce Graves of Agawam; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Eileen W. Fleming

Eileen W. (Otto) Fleming, 81, of Delray Beach, Florida, executive secretary to the Agawam Board of Selectmen from 1949 to 1970, died in Delray Beach.

Born in Meriden, Connecticut, she lived in Agawam most of her life and graduated from Agawam High School and Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow. She moved to Delray Beach upon her retirement in 1979.

She was a member of Agawam Congregational Church and the Feeding Hills Grange.

Her husband, George T. Fleming, died in 1986. She leaves a son, Bruce W. of Southwick; two daughters, Shirley L. Chesner and Brenda J. Stillwell, both of Delray Beach; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701-4688.

Christine Lehberger

Christine (Runte) Lehberger, 89, of 5 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was born in Hattingen, Germany, and lived in Springfield for a short time before moving to Agawam in 1942.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She was a member of the Springfield Turnverein, the Agawam Senior Center, and Golden Ager Chapter 1.

She leaves her husband, Gustav Lehberger; a son, Martin W. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Margaret "Peg" Altobelli of Agawam; two sisters of Germany; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Mary Figiel

Mary Figiel, 84, formerly of Ludlow, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, she lived in Ludlow for more than 48 years. She moved to Agawam 18 years ago.

The funeral was held at Ludlow Funeral Home and in St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on JULY 5, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the application of the GAMES & LANES of 350 WALNUT STREET EXT. for a license to operate bowling alleys for amusement in the Town of Agawam.

Richard M. Theroux
Town Clerk

Published: June 23, 1994

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program operates five sites with a total enrollment of about 160 children. Ms. Adams estimates there are 800 families in the area who meet the income eligibility requirements of the program.

Johnson's proposal for locating the pre-school at the Center Library depended on the legal opinion of the town solicitor because the town has been embroiled in a legal battle over the use of the building for the last 15 years.

Originally donated to the town as its first public library in 1923 by the late Minerva Davis, the building has been vacant since 1979 when Mrs. Davis's heirs sued the town for renting the property for use as a Masonic Hall when it closed the library.

Johnson told Town Council that the decision of the probate court in that case has become unenforceable because it was predicated on the trustees of the Captain Leonard House taking over responsibility for the building. According to the Mayor, the trustees have been unwilling to take on administration of the building.

Under questioning from Councilors Robert Danie and Walter Balboni, Johnson said he contacted Karen Blake, attorney for the Davis heirs, last fall and received a positive reaction to his proposed use of the building, and Blake agreed to contact the heirs and apprise the town of their wishes within two weeks. Subsequent attempts to reach Blake and the heirs (who reside in Ohio and in Eastern Massachusetts) have proved fruitless with letters and calls unanswered, according to the Mayor.

"The town is planning to launch a new round of litigation," Johnson said. Local Attorney Gary Shannon has agreed to take on the case, which is estimated to take two to four years to come to a conclusion, at no cost to the town, Johnson said.

"I have no problem with Head Start. Serving in the education department for 24 years, I'm well aware of the benefits of Head Start," Balboni said. "I have a problem with the lease arrangement. I'd like to see legal matters settled before entering a lease."

In response to Balboni's suggestion that putting the building into use was likely to draw the attention of the heirs (considering a \$200,000 trust fund accompanies the property), Johnson stated, "Frankly, if putting Head Start in the building causes the heirs to surface, it would be a positive thing."

A Positive Use Of The Building

Johnson said Head Start would be a positive use of the building, which is currently costing the town thousands of dollars in maintenance costs.

Teresa Urbinati, Agawam's Special Education programmer for pre-school through grade four, urged Town Council to adopt the lease agreement to give Head Start a permanent home.

Mrs. Urbinati said the program is a "valuable asset to the community and provides a service that no other pre-school does."

"Head Start supports the national educational goal that all children enter school ready to learn," Mrs. Urbinati said.

Under the terms of the lease, in return for three years' use of the building, Head Start will put up \$15,000 for the town to use in making repairs to the building, including making the bathrooms handicap accessible; installing a handicap accessible ramp and door at the rear of the property; updating and repairing the heating system; repairing the main entry door; and repairing or replacing windows.

Also, Head Start will assume responsibility for upkeep of the building and grounds as well as all expenses for utilities.

Additionally, the building must be made available to the town for the Mid-Winter Celebration on New Year's Eve, and Head Start has agreed that the town may cancel the lease without further obligation (if the town is unable to deliver the property due to legal action or other unavoidable reasons).

Voting in favor of the lease to Head Start were Councilors Vivian Dziardziel, David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, George Bitzas, Edward Caba, James Taylor, Nancy Thompson Gravel, and Danie. Councilors against were Jill Simpson and Balboni. Councilor Thomas Ennis voted "present."

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Families



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH BAND performs at the Annual Flag Day Ceremonies in the Rocky's Parking lot across from the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge. The band is being led by Director Tammy Watson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam & West Side Join For Annual Flag Day Ceremonies

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

On Tuesday, June 14th, the Towns of Agawam and West Springfield came together in celebration of Flag Day.

Although the morning brought rain, it didn't keep away officials and citizens from both sides of the bridge for the holiday ceremony. For the second annual celebration, the rival towns came together, not just to honor the Stars and Stripes, but to bring attention to the newly-named Agawam/West Side bridge.

This new found tradition began last year when a contest was held to find a new name for the bridge at the end of Memorial Avenue in West Springfield. The selected name bares reference to both communities; the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge. The word "Morgan" coming from the Morgan horse, which is said to have been bred in West Side. "Sullivan" comes from Feeding Hills native

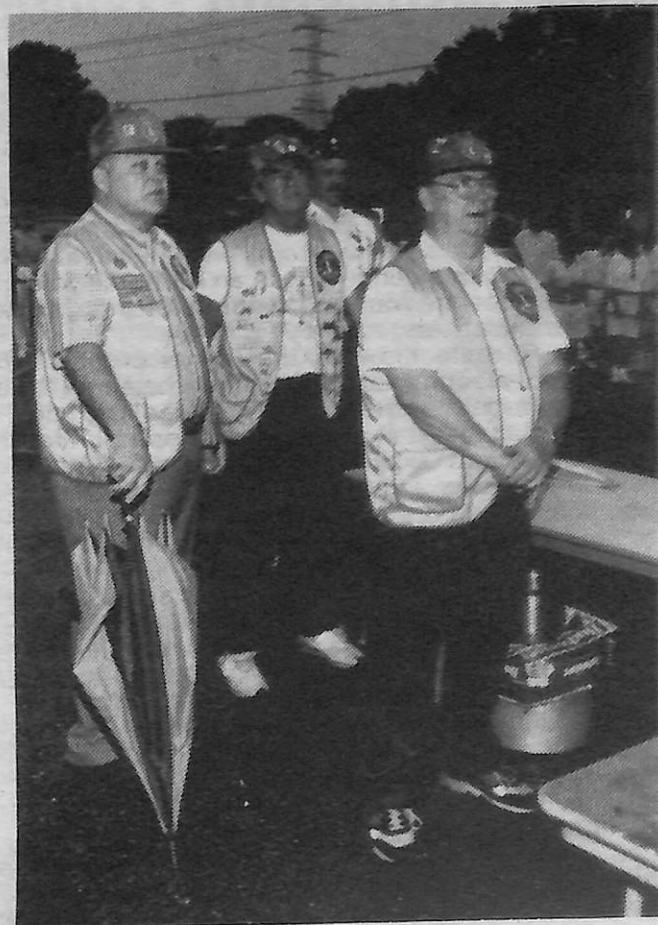
Annie Sullivan, who was Helen Keller's remarkable teacher. Annie Sullivan spent part of her childhood on North Westfield Street.

For this Flag Day, the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge was decorated with flowers and flags courtesy of the Agawam Beautification Committee and the West Springfield Garden Club. Also a big help was the Eastern States Exposition, who provided an irrigation system for the flowers (so traffic on the bridge would not be disturbed). Both towns hope for a new bridge sign soon.

Agawam Named Commemorative Community

The day's activities were marked as a Commemorative Event. As Agawam Veteran's Agent Ruth Bitzas explained, Agawam was named a National Commemorative Community, and through 1995, Agawam will hold related events to celebrate those who fought in World War II.

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AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Donald Sorel, John Negrucci, and James H. Loomis watch Flag Day Ceremonies on June 14th. The Lions were on hand providing refreshments. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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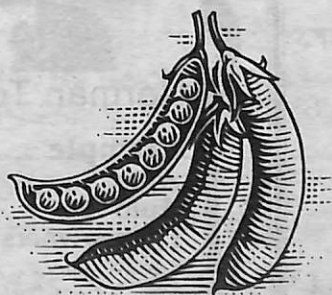
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Town Youth Invited By Oak Ridge GC To Free Instruction

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

Most cynical adults live by the philosophy, "Nothing in life is for free." Imagine their surprise when their children told them about the free Oak Ridge Golf Club Junior Golf Program. For the past seven years, Professional Golfers Association Golf Pro Jim Modzelesky has been instructing the youngsters of the area about the finer points of golf at the picturesque Feeding Hills course.

When Modzelesky began the first chapter in his long history with the sport of golf, he participated in a similar clinic. Now, Modzelesky, along with fellow PGA Steve Sullivan, have brought their knowledge and experience to Agawam. Along with Modzelesky and Sullivan, three to five other adults, be it parents or club members, come down to help out with the program.

Up To 150 Participants

Each year up to 150 boys and girls show up for the free golf program. About 90 percent of the kids are from Agawam and Feeding Hills, but the program is not limited to children in town. Children from Suffield, Southwick, West Springfield, or any surrounding town are always welcome.

The number of girls participating in the clinic has increased over the past seven years. Initially, around 10 percent of the youngsters were female. At first, girls were afraid to participate, thinking golf was a boys' sport. Now the numbers have grown to about 25 percent girls, proving golf is a game for everyone.

There are two separate line-ups for the children. Boys and girls from the age of seven to 11 will partake in the Pre-Junior Clinic, from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m.

From 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., the juniors, ages 12 to 17, take a swing at golf.

The kids learn a variety of skills over the two days (three consecutive weeks) they are at Oak Ridge. The goal is to have each child leave with a better understanding of golf.

To achieve this, the boys and girls are taught everything from how to grip and stand with a club to chipping and putting. Each child is given a booklet on the etiquette of the game at registration.

For 15 minutes of each session, the instructors review some of the main points of the pamphlet. At the conclusion of the clinic, a test is given on the entire game of golf.

Will Conclude With Tournament

After all the lessons are given and tests are taken, there will be a tournament at the Longhi Driving Range in Southwick, complete with prizes and a few surprises. All in all, this is a great way for youngsters to stay active, learn a sport, and perhaps most importantly, to have fun and make friends.

Registration is Monday, July 11th at Oak Ridge. Children can sign up on or before that date. This clinic is co-sponsored by *The Agawam Advertiser News*, and we encourage you to check out the full-page ad for the Junior Golf Program in this edition of *The AAN* for additional information.

Knitting Guild To Meet At Yarn Shop In F.H.

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at The Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This month's meeting will feature finishing old projects.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Sally at 536-2273, or Martha at (203) 745-5870.



LILLIAN DOYLE, president of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, presents a check for \$1,000 to Peter Forastiere, chairman of the town's Council on Aging. The donation will help purchase a video projector for the Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Friends Of Agawam Senior Center Donates \$1,000 To Council On Aging

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center recently donated a check for \$1,000 to the Agawam Council on Aging to help fund the purchase of a video projector for the senior center. On hand to accept the check from Friends President Lil Doyle was Peter Forastiere, Chairman of the COA.

In March, the board of directors of "Friends" approved the request of the Director of the Council on Aging, Richard Mundo. The equipment is

designed to project onto a large screen or on an entire wall. It will be used for movie programs and other educational programs.

Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is a fundraising, non-profit organization founded by the Agawam Council on Aging in 1985 and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. "Friends" operates independently with its own board of directors to benefit the seniors and their programs at the Agawam Senior Center.

FLAG DAY - from Page 13...

On Tuesday morning, Agawam Town Council Vice President George Bitzas dedicated this Flag Day 1994 to those who stormed the beach at Normandy, 50 years ago.

Also addressing the crowd was Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, 12-year State Representative Michael P. Walsh, Town Council President James Taylor, Reverend Leonard Cowan from St. David's Church, West Side Selectman Robert Blackie, and Reverend Curt Fuller.

Under the direction of faculty member Tammy Watson, the Junior High School Band entertained the crowd with their rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful*. The Agawam Lions Club were also on hand with refreshments for the small gathering.

"I hope we will continue every year together with the Town of West Springfield to honor our national symbol, our flag," said Bitzas. Taylor also reminded the crowd that both of the communities

were on hand to remember the American Flag and the "Freedom, unity, (and) sacrifice," that it symbolizes.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Postponed

Unfortunately, the flag retirement ceremony which was scheduled to take place on the Veteran's Green on Main Street at dusk that same evening was postponed. All involved are hoping to reschedule around the July 4th Holiday.

At this ceremony, worn and old American flags were to be burned (retired). Their ashes were to be saved and later buried with the honor and respect they deserve.

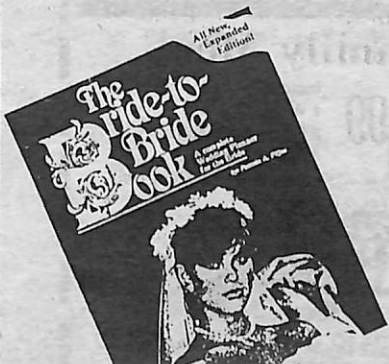
According to Ruth Bitzas, "The purpose is to retire the flag in an honorable way and to show people, especially young people, how to honor the flag."

About 50 flags are to be retired. The Agawam Veterans' Council and the Agawam American Legion invite all, young and old, to take part in this patriotic ceremony. Check *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the new date.

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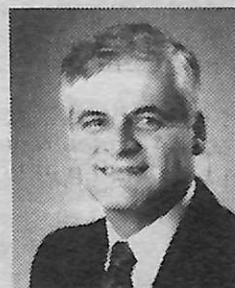
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Agawam Senior Game Athletes Shine Again

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BASKETBALL: James Consolini - Gold
BOWLING (Ten Pin): Hal Deyo - Gold in Singles; Gold in Doubles. Desiree Jacobs - Doubles: Gold; Singles: Silver; Mary Knowles - Singles: Bronze; Doubles: Bronze.

BOWLING (Candlepin): Albino Della Pegorara - Silver.

DISCUS: Joel Anderson - Gold.

HIGH JUMP: James Consolini - Silver.

JAVELIN: Vi Prez - Gold; Rosalie Minardi (Associate Member) - Silver; Lena Peloquin (Associate Member) - Silver.

1500m RACE: Rosalie Minardi (Associate Member) - Gold.

WALK: Lena Peloquin (Associate Member) - Bronze; Vi Prez - Bronze.

SHOT PUT: Joel Anderson - Silver.

SHUFFLEBOARD: Janice Bonk - Singles: Silver; Doubles: Silver. Ted Cutler - Singles: Gold; Doubles: Gold. Rosalie Minardi (Associate Member) - Singles: Gold; Doubles: Gold.

SHUFFLEBOARD: Lena Peloquin (Associate Member) - Singles: Silver; Doubles: Gold; Vi Prez - Singles: Gold; Doubles: Silver.

SOFTBALL: Lou Massola - Silver.

SWIMMING: Gordon Selleck - 50 meter Freestyle: Gold; 200 meter Individual Medley: Gold; 50 meter Butterfly: Gold; 100 meter Breast Stroke: Silver; 50 meter Breast Stroke: Silver; 100 meter Freestyle: Silver.

TABLE TENNIS: Ernie Bouley - Bronze.

TENNIS: Rudy Altobelli - Singles: Silver; Doubles: Silver. Bob Jaynes - Singles: Gold.

All the above named medalists now qualify to compete in the **National Senior Games** to be held in San Antonio, Texas next May.

ASGA needs the financial support of Agawam citizens and businesses in order to defray expenses in getting your medalists to the Nationals in 1995. Your contributions can be mailed to ASGA, c/o Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3128.

Thank you for your support!

Agawam COA Seeking Nominations For Annual Gallano Award

The Agawam Council on Aging is seeking nominations for the Andrew C. Gallano Award which is given annually for meritorious and distinguished service to the Town's older citizens. A committee of the Council will review all nominations and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Nominees must have demonstrated in a consistent manner over a period of time, active involvement in, advocacy on behalf of, or participation in activities or issues which impact on the well-being of Agawam's older citizens.

Andrew C. Gallano was a lifelong resident of Agawam was instrumental in the creation of Councils on Aging throughout the Commonwealth and was a leader in the building of the Agawam Senior Center.

Nominations must be submitted no later than August 19th, stating the nominee's name, address, and a brief rationale for the nomination. Nominations will be submitted to:

Andrew Gallano Award Committee
 c/o Agawam Senior Center
 68 Meadowbrook Manor
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For additional information, contact Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Agawam Council on Aging, at (413) 786-0400, extension 242 or 243.

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Dr. Steve Sobel New England Institute For Stress And Life Management Summer Schedule

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PROGRAM	DATE OF PROGRAM	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION	COST PER PERSON
No. 1	Wed. - July 13th	"Dancing With Wolves - How to Deal & Communicate Superbly & Creatively With Difficult People" (Contact Hrs. Available)	7 - 9 pm	Ramada Hotel - W. Spfld., MA * ONLY 1/2 HOUR FROM HARTFORD AREA & 45 MINS. FOR WORCESTER AREA!	\$18.00
No. 2	Tues. - July 19th	"Laugh More, Live Longer - How To Effectively Harness the Power & Benefit of Humor in the Workplace and at Home"	7 - 9 pm	"	\$18.00
No. 3	Tues. - July 12th	"Prolific Customer Service - Getting It Right! - How to Attract & Retain All the Loyal Customers You'll Ever Desire"	Full Day (9 am - 3 pm)	"	\$69.00 (Fee Includes All Course Materials)
No. 4	Wed. - July 6th	"Relaxation Techniques Workshop - An Evening of Reducing Anxiety & Frustration"	7 - 8:30 pm	"	\$14.00
No. 5	Fri. - July 8th and Sat. - July 9th (Special 2 Day Program - Must attend both days)	"RECHARGE" - Dr. Sobel's Total Health & Success 2 Day Course (Enrollment limited to 25 people) Overnight lodging can be arranged	9 am - 3 pm each day	"	\$275.00 (Fee Includes All Course Materials)
No. 6	Sat. - July 16th	"A Meaningful Workshop For Parents, Teachers, and Caregivers - Raising Positive & Resilient Children in a Difficult World"	9 am - 11 am	"	\$18.00
No. 7	Thurs. - July 21st	"All You Need To Know About Creative & Potent Leadership" (Note: Each attendee receives Dr. Sobel's Audio Tape on Leadership at no charge)	9 am - Noon	"	\$25.00
No. 8	July 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st (A 4 Session Program)	"Creating High Self-Esteem & Empowerment for Adults"	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Dr. Sobel's Office 425 Union St., W. Spfld., MA	\$150.00 (Discount Incentives Available - Class Size limited to 10)

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Agawam Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of Events For July

July 1st: Chapter 1—Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

July 6th: Chapter 2 - Annual Chicken Barbecue to be held at the Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

July 7th: Chapter 1—A "Mystery Trip."

July 13th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

July 14th through 17th: Chapter 2—Trip to Montreal and Quebec, Canada.

July 20th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guests, "The Bell Ringers" from the Agawam Baptist Church.

July 22nd: Chapter 2—Dinner Board Meeting.

July 27th: Chapter 1—Annual Chicken Barbecue to be held at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

Peter Pan Bus Lines Running Service To Riverside Park

The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and Peter Pan Bus Lines now operate seasonal service to Riverside Park in Agawam.

Beginning Monday, June 13th, Route 705 service began to Riverside Park via "Ricky's Riverside Express." Service runs Monday through Saturday hourly from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with stops at Peter Pan's Springfield bus terminal and Downtown Springfield at Main St. & Harrison Avenue.

Peter Pan will funnel passengers to the Springfield terminal from Hampshire County and from various points throughout the Northeast, including New York City, Boston, Worcester, and Albany, New York. Upon arrival in Springfield, passengers will utilize PVTA's Riverside Express service directly to the park.

One-way PVTA fare is 95-cents, while Peter Pan fares vary by distance. Discounted Riverside Park admission is available at the PVTA Information Center and at several Peter Pan bus terminals.

For further information, contact PVTA's Information Center at 413-781-PVTA.

Memorial Pool For Gerald J. Mason Open For Summer

Environmental Management Commissioner Peter C. Webber has announced that 18 of the 20 DEM swimming pools opened on Father's Day, June 19th, for the summer season. Among the pools that opened on Father's Day was the Gerald J. Mason Memorial Armory Pool, located on Maynard Street in Feeding Hills.

"Now that the schools are closing for the summer, we are anticipating that our pools, which are located in many of the larger cities across the state, will begin to be in high demand," stated Commissioner Webber, adding, "The Department has been hard at work this spring upgrading the pools and getting them ready in time for the start of school vacation. All visitors should be pleased with the condition of the pools this year."

Effective April 1st, the Weld Administration either eliminated or reduced by 50% or more all recreation-based fees. All pools are now free of charge for both children and adults.

To prepare the pools for opening, the Department has spent over \$150,000 on 21 projects to clean, paint, repair equipment, and improve the sites at all of the pools. The Department has also undertaken major mechanical improvements at five of the pools at a cost of more than \$305,000.

In particular, the Brockton, Fall River, and Attleboro pools received new filters, while in Chicopee the marcite (plaster) was removed and replaced. In Fitchburg, the drain is being replaced and the pool is expected to open by June 26th.

"The Weld Administration is committed to upgrading and improving the existing infrastructure at all of the pools. By investing close to \$500,000 in improvements this year, the pools will be a great place for the city's youth to recreate during the summer," commented Commissioner Webber.

All pools will be open seven days a week from roughly 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. A number of the pools will be offering Learn To Swim programs in the morning. It is recommended to call your local facility (786-6254) for further information on programs.

Each year, the pools traditionally open on Father's Day weekend. They will remain open until the end of August.

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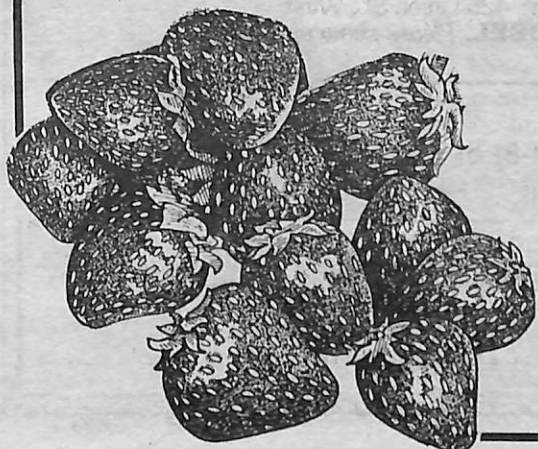
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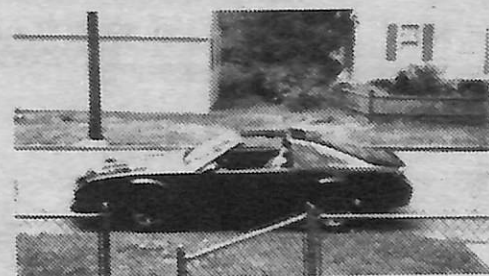


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Leonard House Gets Facelift To Maintain Historic Charm

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The historic Captain Charles Leonard House, 665 Main Street, Agawam Center, has regained some of its pristine beauty and charm with the restoration work on the front and rear of the building done during the past month.

Layer of white paint were stripped by electric disc grinding down to the bare clapboards in the front and rear of the building. An oil base primer was used and then white latex paint. J.L. Wilson & Co. of Chicopee, specialists in older houses, completed the work in about 2½ weeks. Jeff Wilson said this form of stripping was used because he feels it leaves the wood in the best condition.

The first full week in July, another major job will be undertaken, repairing the ceiling of the second floor hall. Richard Brindle, president of the Board of Trustees of the Captain Leonard House, said that care was taken to secure a knowledgeable craftsman for the work so that the finished ceiling would be correct for the period of the house. This work will be done by Adrien Boucher, plasterer and mason. Boucher replaced three chimneys of the 1805 house last fall.

A year ago, the two sides of the house were restored at a cost of \$8,000, twice as much as the front and rear. The difference is due to the depth of the house, a side porch and wheelchair ramp, according to Dale Melanson, treasurer of the Board of Trustees. She said the handicapped ramp was built three years ago.

Deeded To The Board Of Trustees

The Captain Leonard House does not belong to the town as might be supposed. It was deeded to a Board of Trustees by the late Minerva Davis to be maintained (with a provision that it remain the home of the Agawam Woman's Club).

To keep the house in good condition, the trustees undertake at least one major improvement a year. The upkeep is financed by donations, rents, and every February the board conducts a "Friends Campaign," that asks individuals, clubs, and organizations to be a "Friend" of the Captain Leonard House and make a contribution to its upkeep. Brenda Curran, a trustee, heads the committee for Friends.

The beautiful first floor rooms of the house are tastefully decorated and furnished in colonial style. There are two sitting rooms, a dining room, kitchen and pantry, a very wide hall, and a large meeting room at the rear.

The house boasts two wide, central hallways that in times past, were used for dances. Upstairs there are three apartments, two are rented and one is used by Armand and Clara Lorenzatti, caretakers and hosts at the house.



TRUSTEES OF THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE, standing - James H. Loomis, Richard Brindle, Marilyn Curry, Christopher C. Johnson, Ernest Swanson, and Arthur Fuchs. Seated - Dorothy Martin, Shirley M. Goss, Dale Melanson, and Jeanne Webster.

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PAINTERS WORK ON THE Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam.

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LEONARD HOUSE - from Page 17...

Black and white were kept as the color of the exterior, according to Brindle, because it was felt that was the traditional New England home of the time it was built.

Listed In The Nat'l. Historic Directory

The building is listed in the National Historical Directory and a black and white sign to that effect is one of the right side porch of the house, by the driveway.

"It is not easy to be approved by the National Historical Association for this designation," Brindle said, "or to keep it. We are very proud of it!"

The black shutters on the house were reconstructed by George Reynolds, the late husband of trustee Esther Reynolds. He removed the shutters and took them home to strip them, replace rotted wood, replace broken hardware and repaint them, Mrs. Melanson explained.

Reynolds and Charles Kistner built homes during summers when they were not teaching, she said. They built the three-car garage and workshop on the Captain Leonard House property in two-and-a-half weeks in 1949, she said.

Individuals or groups interested in visiting the historic house can make an appointment with Marilyn Curry at 786-9421. The house is generally open for viewing during the Annual Arts and Crafts Fair of the Junior Women's Club, and plans are in the making for an open house on Sunday, December 4th, when the house is festive for the holidays.

Groups using the premises include Agawam Women's Club, the Agawam Garden Club, Junior Women's Club, Western Mass. Aviation Association, Mary Kay Products sales groups, a weekly Bible group, Treasure Finders, a group of seekers who use metal detectors to locate valuables, and American Intercultural Programs (AFS).

The premises also lend charm for showers, weddings, retirement dinners, sales and business meetings, and parties.

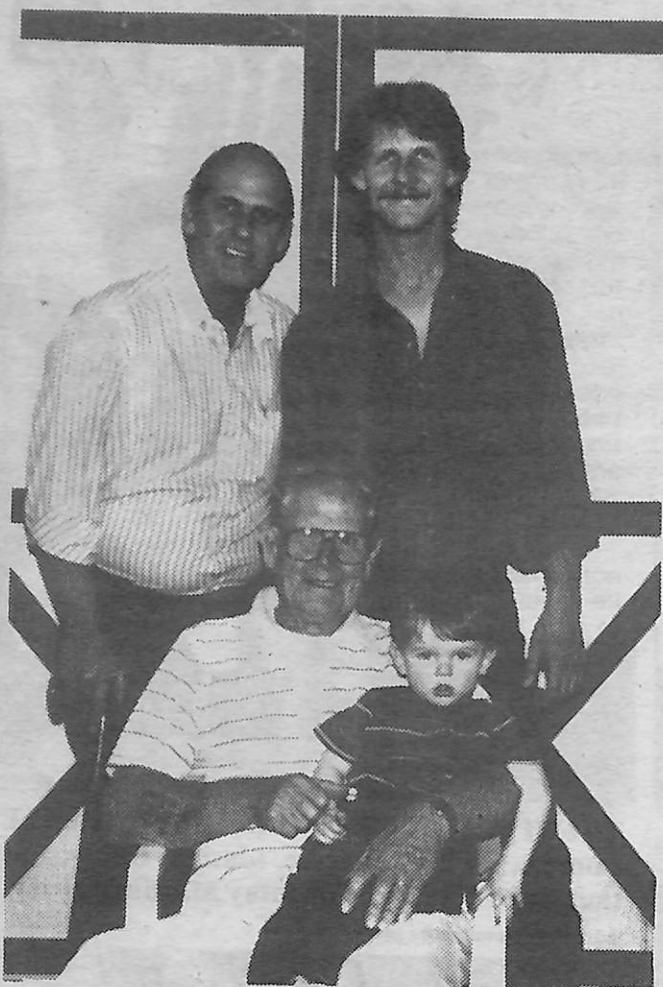
Officers of the Board of Trustees are Brindle, president; Arthur Fuchs, vice president; Jeanne Webster, secretary; and Mrs. Melanson, treasurer.

Other trustees are Mrs. Curran, Marilyn Curry, Shirley Goss, Mayor Christopher Johnson, James Loomis, Dorothy Martin, Elizabeth Pond, Esther Reynolds, Richard Sardella, Alice Smith, Ernest Swanson, and Richard Bellico.

Nocturnal Adoration To Meet July 1st

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Ann's Church on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, July 1st, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Family Reunion

AT A RECENT FAMILY REUNION, four generations of the Whitlock Family got together - Stanley Whitlock of Ellenton, FLA (formerly of Agawam); Gerard Whitlock, Agawam; Gerald C. Whitlock and Kyle Christopher Whitlock, West Springfield.

Chief Robert Campbell To Be Honored By Agawam Rotary Club

The Agawam Rotary Club is sponsoring an open house in honor of their outgoing President and the City's new Police Chief, Robert Campbell.

The reception will be held at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills on Thursday, July 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There is no charge. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. All residents of Agawam are invited to attend as guests of the Agawam Rotary Club.

Volunteers Needed To Help With Springfield Armory Bicentennial

Volunteers are needed to help with the Springfield Armory Bicentennial and Game Fair to be held July 1st through 4th.

Volunteer opportunities at Mt. Tom Ski Area include course supervisors and scorekeepers for the Sporting Clays of America National Championship; assistants for the International Hunting Retriever Championships; range supervisors for the U.S. Biathlon Association event; and range assistants for the Smith & Wesson International Challenge.

At the Springfield Armory, people are needed to staff exhibitor booths and concessions.

During the AnglerSport Bass Tournament on the Connecticut River, volunteers are needed for weigh-in assistance and marina supervision.

Volunteers will be given a thorough orientation and will receive free passes for many events.

The Springfield Armory Bicentennial and Game Fair is presented by the Springfield Library & Museums and the Springfield Armory National Historic Site.

For more information or to volunteer, please call (413) 739-4963.

Rosalie Dialessi Elected To The Board Of GFWC Jr. Division

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is proud to announce that Rosalie Dialessi was elected to the Board of the Junior Division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The GFWC is a national organization of women who are actively involved in community activities through fundraising and volunteerism.

As corresponding secretary for the board, Rosalie is responsible for handling all correspondence such as invitations, thank yous, and letters between clubs and the board and between GFWC and the Junior Division. She is also responsible for getting hostesses for each board meeting.

Also, she has been appointed as Dean of District Representatives for Massachusetts. Massachusetts consists of 10 districts from Cape Cod to Western Mass. As Dean, she will keep each district representative informed of any pertinent information on Women's Clubs in their area.

Rosalie is also the board member designated to run the Youth Involvement Contests which take place at many of the GFWC conferences. She determines the type of contest and lines up judges for the event. She also judges the Youth Involvement annual reports submitted by each club.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the GFWC and the GFWC of Massachusetts.

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THE BALBONI TWINS, MARC & MONICA

Balboni Twins Ready To Enter College

The Balboni twins, Marc and Monica, will enter college in the fall.

Monica is enrolled at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. She graduated with honors from West Springfield High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and its treasurer.

She also studied ballet and played in the high school band.

Marc recently graduated from Suffield Academy in Suffield, Connecticut. At the Academy, he participated in water polo and was a member of the swim team. He will attend Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut.

The twins are children of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of 32 Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield, and grandchildren of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of 25 King Street, Agawam.

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Guest Speaker At Stanley Park's June 25th Garden Workshop

Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series will feature special guest speaker David J.A. Smith, a perennial flower authority, on Saturday, June 25th, in the sheltered pavilion in Westfield's renowned park from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Smith will present "Perennials Through the Season," a slide presentation which demonstrates how to have continuous bloom in perennial beds all season long. He will include advice on selecting, planting, and maintaining perennials.

A guided walking tour of Stanley Park's perennial borders will be featured. This program is free of charge.

Smith was born and raised in England on the private estate of the Earl of Bradford at Weston Park in Shropshire, where his father was Head Gardener. He came, by invitation, to the famous White Flower Farm of Litchfield, Connecticut in 1954 as Plant Propagator, and became Director of Horticulture at the farm in 1968.

In addition to the many awards he has received for exhibits in flower shows, being a tour guide to the British Isles, appearing on Crocket's Victory Garden, and judging at many flower shows, he was presented the prestigious Thomas Roland Medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

For further information on Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series, call the Park office at (413) 568-9312.

Birthday Card ads are \$25 with picture; \$15 without picture for smaller ad. The deadline is Tuesday at noontime.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 27th: Stuffed pork chopette, potato puffs, corn, oatmeal bread, applesauce with raisins.

Tuesday, June 28th: Turkey vegetable soup, pizza (pepperoni, hamburger, cheese), tossed salad, cantaloupe.

Wednesday, June 29th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, June 30th: Beef Wellington, mashed potatoes, spinach, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, July 1st: Grape juice, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, canned peaches.

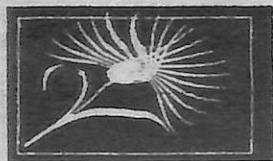
(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Beltrandis Welcome New Daughter, Nikki

Joe and Mary Beltrandi of Westfield are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Nikki Marie Beltrandi, who was born on April 26th, 1994, at the Women's & Infants Hospital at Baystate Medical Center.

She weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21½" long.

Maternal grandparents are Dick and Kay Larose of West Springfield, and paternal grandparents are Joanne Beltrandi of Agawam and the late John Beltrandi.

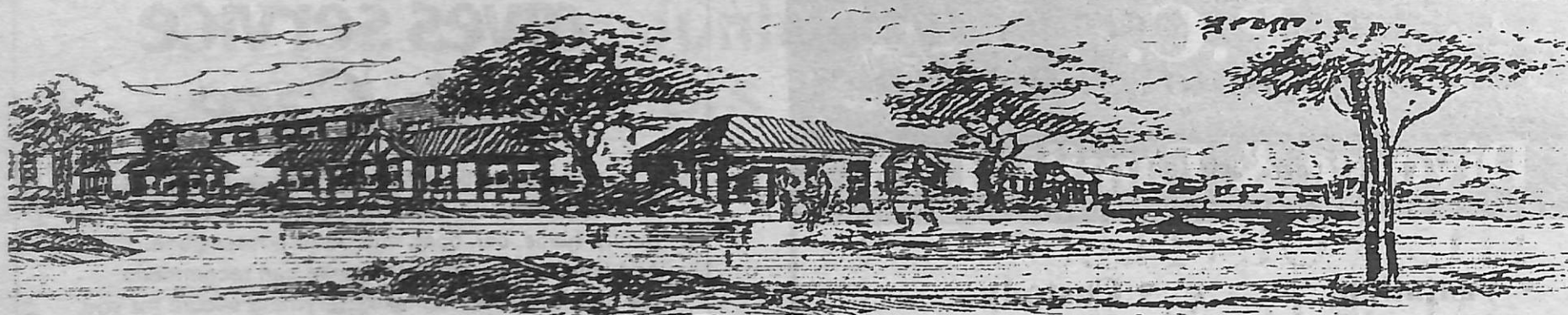


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Church News

Craft Fair Held At St. John's Church



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB of St. John's Church held a Crafts Fair earlier this month. From left - Maureen Houle and Carol Fillmore with their applique shirts with an environmental theme; IN PHOTO RIGHT, needle-point cleanex boxes. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Feeding Hills Congregational Lists Upcoming Calendar

This Sunday, June 26th, will be Music Sunday at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Bring your voice and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School during the week of August 15th-19th. Many activities will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and all are welcome.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no choir rehearsals during the summer months.

The 21-Plus Club will meet on Sunday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Planning Trip To New York City Ballet

St. John the Evangelist Over 60 Club is sponsoring a trip to the New York City Ballet on Thursday, July 21st. The ballet will be presented in the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to join the Over 60 Club for this trip. The cost is \$42.50 and includes a meal.

For more information, please contact Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

The Teen Encounter Prayer Group will meet Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Masses at St. John's are weekdays at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, weekend Masses are Saturday, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and Sundays, 7:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

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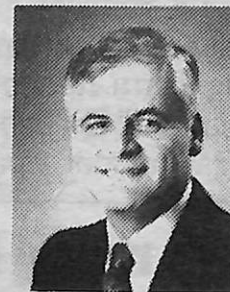
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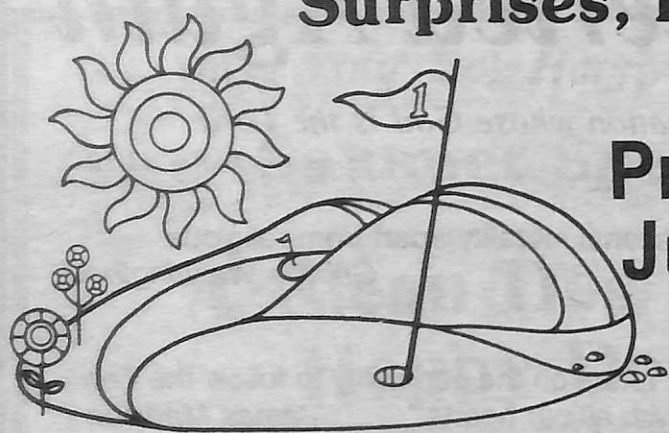
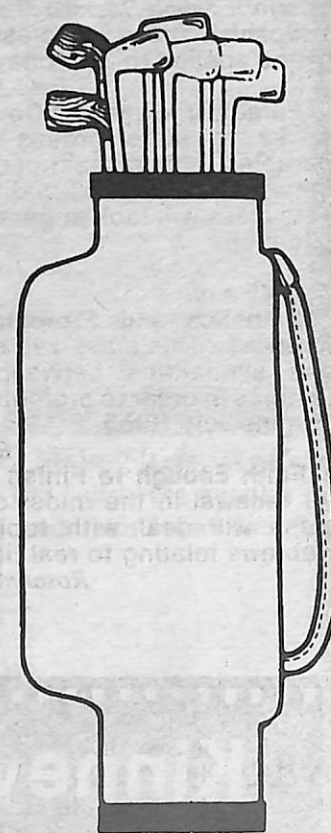
Friday, July 15th: **Grip, Stance, Set-Up**

Monday, July 18th: **Beginning Of Swing, Chipping & Putting**

Friday, July 22nd: **Completion Of Back Swing**

Monday, July 25th: **Foot Work & Weight Shift**

Friday, July 29th: **Tournament, Prizes & Surprises, Farewell**



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Church News - continued...

Bethany Assembly Of God's Sunday Adult Ed July/August Schedule

* 9:00 a.m.

Evidence for Faith - A class for the truly serious! Based on Josh McDowell's work, we will cover such topics as dealing with skeptics, misconceptions about Christianity, reliability of Scripture, and others. (Begins July 10th.)

Rev. Brian Tracy - Chapel

Dealing with Depression - Depression. What is it? How can we deal with it? Do Christians really get depressed? If you or someone in your family suffers from depression, this class is for you! (Also offered at 10:45 a.m.)

Spanish Class - A class dealing with Biblical truths applied to life today. Taught in Spanish.

Rev. Miguel Colon - Room 110

Parables: Whatever Could this Mean? - Jesus spoke to large groups of people and used parables to help them understand the difference between the "world" and the "kingdom of God." This class will look at parables with an eye on application.

Tony Campbell - Room 201

* 10:45 a.m.

Catholics and Protestants—What's the Difference? - This class will explore key differences and similarities between Catholics and Protestants in order to promote better understanding. (Begins July 10th.)

Rev. Brian Tracy - Chapel

Faith Enough to Finish - Endurance, the need for renewal in the midst of life's business. This class will deal with topics from the book of Hebrews relating to real life today.

Rosanna Rushbrook - Room 200

Trinity Methodist Church To Begin 1994 Food Festival June 30th

Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 361 Sumner Avenue in Springfield, is pleased to announce that its 1994 Carillon Food 'n Fun Festival will begin on Thursday, June 30th, at 7:00 p.m. and will continue each Thursday evening through July 28th. Guest artists from Germany and the United States will perform a variety of music (both sacred and secular) on the four-octave carillon.

Trinity's carillon was built by the John Taylor Company of Loughborough, England, in 1928 and was a gift to the church by the Horace A. Moses family. The bells range in size from the largest, called the bourdon (which is six feet in diameter, weighing almost 8,000 pounds), to the smallest (which is seven inches in diameter, weighing 14 pounds). To this day, it is still considered one of the finest carillons in the United States.

Guest carillonneur George Matthew will present the first concert on Thursday, June 30th. Mr. Matthew is a graduate of Columbia University, Bridgeport University, and Wesleyan University, and he is currently serving as carillonneur of the First Presbyterian Church in Stamford, Connecticut. He is also the Director of Music at Rogers and Murphy Schools in Stamford.

The featured food item for the evening is strawberry shortcake. The concert is free (although donations will be accepted for all food items).

You are also invited to bring a picnic supper to enjoy on the church lawn. The concert will be presented rain or shine.

For information, contact Becky Isaacson, Trinity United Methodist Church, at 733-4759 or 737-5311.

Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that its summer worship is at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, June 26th.

This schedule will continue through September 4th.

The church's Midweek Wednesday Service is held at 7:30 p.m. throughout the summer months. The half-hour service includes a hymn sing, prayers and reading, a brief meditation, and a communion service.

The "On To Oakland" Auction that was held last Sunday was a HUGE success. Almost all of the items were bid on.

This Sunday, June 26th, you may bid on the remaining items at the coffee hour.

On Saturday, June 25th, the Agawam Congregational Church will hold its latest "Adults Night Out."

Everyone will meet at the church to go and see *The Flintstones*. All "adults" (post-high school age and older) are invited.

Please be at the church by 6:30 p.m.

The church's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 11th through 15th. Children ages two through the fifth grade are welcome; older children may volunteer to help the teachers.

To register your child or children, call the church office at 786-7111 by July 5th.

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Spotlight On Business

George & Green Names Top Agents



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Long-time employee Madeline DiLizia will also remain with the agency as office manager. Joyce Townsend will serve as customer service representative, and Christina Olson, office staff member.

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KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, was pleased to present top awards for the month of May to the following agents: the team of Chet Kasperek and Laura Stevens as "Top Listing Agents," and Jean Howe as "Top Selling Agent." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Springfield Professional Secretaries To Meet June 28th In West Springfield

The Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 28th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield.

Joe Abate, the "Auto Doc," will discuss "Your Automobile—Friend Or Foe?" Abate is a radio personality in the Springfield/Hartford area and an automotive expert.

Business and Professional Women meet monthly and guests are welcome to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$12, and reservations are required.

For reservations, contact Rosemary Roper at 796-1473; for more information about Business and Professional Women, contact Christine Mitchell at 787-1000.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Agawam Resident Wants To Help Make Your "Gardens So Grand"

Constance Bennett-Majewski, a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School, has recently opened a new business - **Gardens So Grand** to serve the Greater Springfield area.

Constance is currently attending college to obtain a degree in landscape/plant science technology and her new business reflects her desire to target and revive an old trade - gardening.

"As a child I remember watching my mother with her flowers and gardens. My grandmother also was a gardener and I don't think grandma ever buys produce at the market. She is in her 70's now and is recovering from a bout with cancer. She is still an avid gardener and they look as fine as ever," Constance said.

Fascination Continued To Grow

Constance said that as she entered her teenage years her fascination with flower beds and gardens continued to grow. "As the years passed I began to help my mother pulling weeds, picking beans, and watching the beautiful array of colors every year. Then I started asking questions like 'what type of plant is this' and 'how do you know where to plant.'"

"I learned the tricks of composting from grandma and when the time was right for picking to keep the plants producing. I started with house plants on my own but always loved my mom's and grandma's outdoor gardens," Constance added.

According to her, when she purchased her own home in town two years ago with her husband, he planted her own gardens, as well as maintained shrubs, trees, and gardens filled with annuals and perennials.

"Because I am self-taught and combined with what I have learned in school, I have learned to turn a hobby that I truly love into a business that

may instill or revive that love for gardening in someone else," Constance noted.

In her business, **Gardens So Grand**, she focuses on the maintenance of gardens and shrubs. "You just can't throw some mulch down and leave it for the summer. Gardens need weeding - the old-fashioned hands down and knees down method to prune and remove dead heads to keep the garden working at its best and to keep it thriving. Gardens need fertilizer and appropriate water."

Constance says that her strong background in drawing and painting add to her ability to coordinate colors and design garden and shrub arrays that fit the surrounding landscape.

Learning The Latest Techniques

She told us that her courses in college are teaching her new and improved methods about soil and chemical balances and she is learning about the technical applications of the trade. Her college courses also are giving her a background in disease and pest control as well as the construction of landscape structures.

Constance is a volunteer for the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street and maintains the gardens there. She also services homes in Hampden and East Longmeadow and services Parrotta's Service Station on Main Street, Agawam. Some people in town have nicknamed Constance as "The Flower Lady."

"As the summer fades away and fall brings on old man winter, I will be waiting in anticipation for the subtle signs of spring as the crocus' poke their fragile heads through the snow. I'll be ready, will you?" she said.

Those interested in calling Constance can reach her at **Gardens So Grand** at 789-1833.



CONSTANCE BENNETT-MAJEWSKI



KATHRYN M. AYRE

Kathryn M. Ayre Of George & Green Realty Completes Aggressive Market Course

Kathryn M. Ayre, an Agawam realtor, completed module number 431, Aggressive Market Positioning, recently.

Offered by the Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council, module Aggressive Market Positioning (number 431) managers will learn how to reposition their firm in the minds of potential customers and clients; offensive and defensive tactics for achieving and maintaining a desired position; how to counterattack when a position is threatened.

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Kathryn M. Ayre is a Broker with George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. at 770 Main Street in Agawam. She is a member of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors. She also holds the prestigious CRS and GRI designation.

She also is Vice President of the Agawam Rotary Club.

For more information on this program or other Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council programs, call 312/321-4429.

TOWNSEND - from Page 23...

Townsend has been associated with Nationwide Insurance since 1978. He has held several positions with Nationwide, including agent in Delaware, training manager in Ohio, and as sales manager in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Townsend has received many achievement awards from Nationwide Insurance. These include "Agency Manager of the Year" on several occasions for the New England region; "The Drummer's Society," the highest management award by Nationwide, three times; and "Life Executive and Life Award Achiever," the highest achievement awards presented by Nationwide.

Before joining Nationwide, Townsend served in the United States Marine Corps and with the Wilmington Police Department.

He and his wife, Joyce, have three children - Angela, 21, a senior at Southern Connecticut University; Norman, 19, a sophomore at Westfield State College; and Lindsey, 7, a first grader at Phelps Elementary School.

"I would like to personally meet with both new and old customers to review their insurance program to make sure all insurance needs are being properly met. If you would like to set up an appointment in the near future, please feel free to call the office," Townsend said.

Townsend told us his mission statement at Townsend Insurance Agency is to "provide superior quality service to protect the financial needs of our clients while building a profitable agency."

Townsend, his staff, as well as Richard Aldrich, will hold an open house on Thursday, June 30th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Customers, friends, and prospective customers are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Century 21

by
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20 Southwick Street, Feeding HillsTo Be A Little Braggy,
Century 21 Rated High

According to a recent independent national telephone survey conducted by the Wirthlin Group of 1,800 homeowners, for the third time, American homeowners rated the CENTURY 21 system "Number 1."

By a wide margin, homeowners answered "CENTURY 21" when asked, "Thinking about real estate sales organization, which one would you say is the leader in real estate?"

Homeowners who were aware of both the CENTURY 21 organization and a particular competitor were asked a series of questions asking them to compare the two organizations. When asked which of the two named real estate sales organizations they believe is "better at helping people sell their homes," the CENTURY 21 system won by more than five-to-one margins over Prudential and ERA, and by more than two-to-one over Coldwell Banker and Re/Max.

Homeowners also overwhelmingly named the CENTURY 21 system when asked which of the two named real estate sales organizations they think "gives its customers better service," CENTURY 21 was named by a margin of five-to-one over ERA, four-to-one over Prudential, and better than two-to-one over Coldwell Banker and Re/Max.

Homeowners participating in the survey also selected the CENTURY 21 system when asked which of the two named real estate organizations is "better at helping people find and buy the right house?"

Further, an astounding 99 percent of those surveyed recognized the CENTURY 21 name. Only 84 percent recognized Coldwell Banker, with ERA, Prudential, and Re/Max recognized by 71 percent, 58 percent, and 54 percent of homeowners surveyed, respectively.

"The latest survey results are stronger in virtually every consumer preference and image category and clearly show the strength of the CENTURY 21 image," said Hal George, Vice President of Research/Information System for CENTURY 21 Real Estate Corporation.

"The findings also confirm those we've received from our Quality Service Survey, which is conducted at the end of most transactions. In both cases, the CENTURY 21 system rates extremely high among homeowners."

In presenting the survey results during his annual "State of the System" address to 7,000 CENTURY 21 brokers and sales associates attending the CENTURY 21 International Convention in New Orleans recently, Century 21 Real Estate Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Richard J. Loughlin repeated one particularly dramatic survey finding.

"Suppose you were planning to buy a house and you heard about two similar homes. If one of them was being sold by CENTURY 21, and the other was being sold by Re/Max or Coldwell Banker or Prudential or ERA, which one would you want to go and look at first?" said Loughlin, quoting directly from a survey question.

"Their responses are incredible! By more than a two-to-one margin, they said they would go see the house listed by a CENTURY 21 office first."

Homeowners also chose the CENTURY 21 system over the competition when asked which of the two named organizations is "better at helping people move across the country."

The 1994 National Survey of Homeowners was conducted during January 5th-17th, 1994 by The Wirthlin Group, a leading worldwide survey research organization that has conducted research for a number of fortune 500 companies and four U.S. Presidents. The random sample interviewed in the survey was representative of the entire population of U.S. homeowners and has a 95 percent confidence interval of plus or minus 2.3 percent.

In questions involving comparisons, homeowners were asked to compare two real estate sales organizations. Some homeowners had no opinion. Only homeowners who were aware of both organizations were asked to compare them. The sample sizes and 95 percent confidence intervals for questions comparing the CENTURY 21 system with particular organiza-

tions are as follows:

Comparisons with Coldwell Banker, 744 and plus/minus 3.6 percent; comparisons with ERA, 628 and plus/minus 3.9 percent; comparisons with Prudential, 528 and plus/minus 4.3 percent; and comparisons with Re/Max, 468 and plus/minus 4.5 percent.

Century 21 Real Estate Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The CENTURY 21 system is the world's

largest real estate sales organization, with presence in 15 countries and territories; approximately 6,000 independently owned and operated franchise broker offices in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada, Mexico, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea; and franchise agreements for broker office development in Hong Kong, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

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by Howard A. Dickstein
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Why You Need It And How It's Done

First Of Two Parts...

Why You Need Financial Planning

We all have our own vision of the perfect retirement, doing the things we really love—traveling, fishing, playing golf, volunteer work, turning a hobby into a business. We also have other goals in life such as buying a home, taking a dream vacation, and paying for our children's education.

Unfortunately, it's not likely that any of this will happen without careful planning. We need to allocate funds for these goals if they are going to become reality. Instead of planning ahead, however, most of us tend to deal with our financial needs as the situations arise.

But think how much better off you could be if you plan for the future with a focus on the big picture, rather than treating each financial transaction—investing in a mutual fund or buying insurance—as an isolated event.

Financial planning is a process that assesses your financial situation and balances it with your goals and objectives, both short-term and long-term. Planning can help you determine what you need to do to get what you want out of life both now and during retirement.

Financial planning should be a long-term, lifetime commitment. No matter where you are in life, there are steps you could be taking to improve the way you're managing your finances, meeting your current obligations, and preparing for all of your financial goals.

A financial planner can help you with this process and determine the appropriate investments for achieving your objectives. A plan can be tailored to your individual circumstances and can help you reach your goals, both now and especially during retirement.

Whether your retirement is five or 25 years away, the time to start planning is now. Even if retirement sounds like it's a long way down the road, be aware that fewer than half of employees retire when they originally planned. Many people find themselves retiring early for health, family, or professional reasons and are not prepared financially.

Further, you might not be able to count on your employee pension plan or Social Security to support you adequately when you retire. Private pensions plans sometimes don't provide for automatic inflation protection after employees retire; you may find the value of your pension shrinking yearly.

Company pension plans, in fact, aren't as dependable as they used to be, and you might not be able to count on yours. In recent years, companies have been discontinuing plans, reorganizing them with lower offerings or even eliminating them entirely as they merge or go bankrupt. Currently, only approximately 43 percent of employees are covered by pensions.

An additional concern about pension plans is that some provide only minimal benefits for the surviving spouse if an employee dies. This can be extremely important to women who generally live seven years longer than men and often are left with inadequate incomes.

And what about Social Security? For people with incomes of at least \$20,000, Social Security currently provides only approximately 23 percent of retirees' income. While this is more than pocket change, it's not going to provide everything you need, either.

A financial plan will help you assess your financial situation, including Social Security and pension benefits, and project how much you can expect from these sources. Your financial planner can then help you determine the amount you'll need to supplement your benefits in order to live comfortably.

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Your financial planner can help you figure out how other needs, such as housing, will affect your finances, as well. You also should consider important questions about estate planning and evaluate your insurance and medical coverage to see if changes are necessary.

Planning most likely will make a big difference in your quality of life now and during retirement. Even if you already are retired, a plan might enable you to minimize taxes and maintain a

steady income.

You work hard for your money and deserve to get the most out of it. Planning can help you live a more comfortable life during your employment years and help you enjoy your free time more during your retirement.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
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Is Rotisserie Chicken Better Than Fried?

Rotisserie chicken is hot. Sales are flying high. Most people think flame-broiled, roasted chicken is a healthy, lowfat meal ... and it can be if you choose the right part of the bird.

But some parts have as much fat as fried chicken. For example, KFC's Colonial Rotisserie Gold Chicken, 1/4 chicken, dark meat has 24 grams of fat. KFC's Original Recipe side breast contains only 15 grams of fat.

How can this be? Some marinates for chicken contain oil and the chicken skin is mostly fat.

To keep roasted chicken dinners low in fat, follow these when you order:

* Remove the skin and fatty wing.

* Order white meat rather than dark. Dark meat generally has three times the fat in white meat.
* Watch out for fatty side dishes.

Your best choices are usually steamed vegetables, zucchini marinara, fruit salad, tossed salad with lowfat dressing, baked potato (where you can control how much butter goes on), and green beans.

Chicken Queen adds NO butter to their side dishes. You're always in control.

The following is a comparison of roasted chicken, listing the chicken part, serving size, and average fat grams:

1/4 chicken, white meat, no skin, no wing, 3 1/2 oz., 4 grams; 1/4 chicken, white meat, with skin & wing (from Kenny Rogers), 5 oz., 10 grams; 1/4 chicken, white meat, with skin & wing (from Boston Chicken), 5 oz., 18 grams; 1/4 chicken, dark meat, no skin (from Roy Rogers); 5 oz., 10 grams; 1/4 chicken, dark meat, no skin (from KFC), 4 oz., 12 grams; 1/4 chicken, dark meat, with skin (from Kenny Rogers), 4 oz., 12 grams; 1/4 chicken, dark meat, with skin (from Boston Chicken), 4 1/2 oz., 22 grams; 1/4 chicken, dark meat, with skin (from Roy Rogers), 5 oz., 34 grams.

If you eat out often and need to lose weight or lower cholesterol, call Nancy Dell, RD for an appointment to learn the fat content of several restaurant entrees - from American to Italian!

We'll plan several lowfat restaurant meals. Call 786-2957.

Agawam Chapter Of Mass. Citizens For Life To Meet June 28th

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room.

All are welcome.

For more information, please call 789-4117.

Professional Rescuer CPR Course To Be Offered By Red Cross

The American Red Cross has announced that registrations are now being taken for the national "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" course to be held on the following Thursdays—July 7th, 14th, and 21st—from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Red Cross facility at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

This course is designed to teach police officers, firefighters, lifeguards, medical personnel, and EMTs the skills needed to respond to respiratory and cardiac emergencies. Adult, child, and infant basic skills (along with two-rescuer and bag valve mask skills) will be covered.

Materials fee is \$62 per participant. Participants who supply their own approved pocket mask will be given a \$5 discount on the course fee.

To enroll, either visit the Red Cross Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call 737-4306 to request an application and schedule.

Prenatal Exercises At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital is offering an ongoing series of prenatal exercise classes.

Taught by physical therapy professionals specially trained in prenatal exercise, "Moms in Motion" is a stretching and strengthening program designed to deal with the areas of the body most affected by pregnancy. The program provides fun, fitness, and support to expectant women who have completed their first trimester.

Registration is required. For more information, call 539-2950.

WMass Disabled Set To Meet In Agawam

The Disabled of Western MA, Inc. will hold its next meeting at the Agawam Police Station Community Room at 7:30 p.m., July 11th.

The Annual Summer Outing will be held on July 31st at Stanley Park in Westfield from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Pavillion No. 3).

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by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



Dealing With Difficult People Essential To Your Health!

Dear Dr. Sobel: I have been reading a few articles (some by you!) and books on how to deal effectively with difficult or negative people. I know you do a great deal of work in this area, and I am interested in knowing your latest thoughts on this topic. THANKS.

Steady Reader, Agawam

Comment/Answer: Quite simply stated, if you do not have the emotional AND strategic skills to deal with truly difficult people, life can become miserable, both at work and at home. A negative person is only one type of difficult person—there are the "hostile-aggressives," the "bully," the "snake," and several other categories.

Difficult people have personalities that have been formed long before they meet you. They will persist with their behavior if you continue to react to it; the key is finding ways to diffuse their effect on YOU and to have the confidence to practice those techniques consistently.

If you do not deal with a difficult person and they are creating problems for you, you eventually become a "willing victim." It may take several attempts before you begin to deal effectively with a difficult person—don't give up or you will be back to where you started!

SPECIAL SEMINARS SCHEDULED: Presented by Dr. Steve Sobel. Please call 785-1259 for full details and registration information. Cost is \$18 per person per seminar. For every three that attend, a fourth goes FREE...

—**WEDNESDAY**, July 13th at Ramada Hotel in West Springfield from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Dancing With Wolves: How To Deal And Communicate Effectively With Difficult People" (2.4 contact hours awarded).

—**TUESDAY**, July 19th at the aforementioned Ramada from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Sobel will present "Laugh More, Live Longer: How To Effectively Harness The Power And Benefit Of Humor In The Workplace And At Home."

—**Individual** stress reduction sessions are also available; call 785-1259 for a full listing of audiotapes produced by Dr. Sobel on various topics.

Diabetes Management At Providence Hosp. To Begin July 1st

The Providence Hospital Diabetes Education Program for the Management of Diabetes will present a series of free classes beginning July 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Topics to be covered on July 1st include the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring. On July 8th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, plus acute complications which may accompany these treatments.

The July 15th presentation will explore acute and chronic complications and will also include a discussion by Dr. Robert Fleischner, D.P.M., on the importance of foot care. The series will conclude on July 22nd with a presentation by a registered dietitian, addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet.

A question and answer period will be part of each class.

Diabetes Teaching Nurse Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., facilitates the program which is open to diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Strzempko also oversees the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next testing will be conducted July 14th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

Participants must fast after midnight. No advance registration is necessary, and a \$2 donation is requested.

For more information, call 539-2938.

Best local news...

Mercy Hospital Seeks Blood Bank Donors

Mercy Hospital's Blood Bank reminds residents that blood supplies run low during the summer, and donors are especially welcome.

Donors are given a free mini-checkup that includes blood pressure, blood iron, and cholesterol testing. As a special incentive in July, all donors will receive complimentary certificate coupons from Hebert Candies and be entered into a weekly drawing for passes to SummerSide at Mt. Tom in Holyoke.

Donors must be at least 18 years of age (17 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Blood Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Wednesday and Thursday hours extended until 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are recommended; call 748-9511 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet July 5th and 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

The group, which meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. Family and close friends of the patient are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

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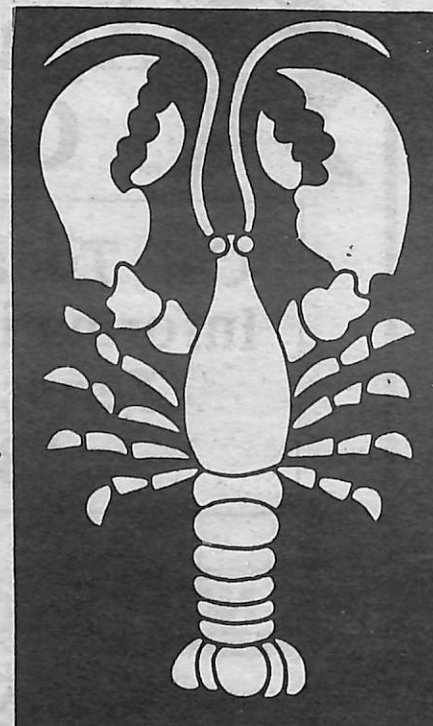
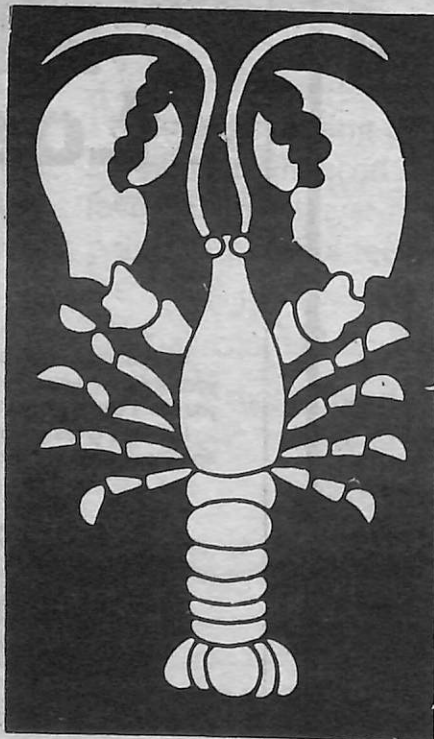
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For Your Health - continued...

Kenny Rogers Roasters Named To "Heart Smart Restaurants" Int'l.

As part of its ongoing commitment to offer a healthier alternative to the standard fast food fare, Kenny Rogers Roasters has become the first international rotisserie chicken chain named as a member of Heart Smart Restaurants International.

"We have something for everyone, and have made allowances for many with special dietary needs, including those requiring less fat in their diet, or who have allergies to MSG, allergies to wheat gluten, or who are diabetics," announced Greg Dollarhyde, Executive Vice President of Kenny Rogers Roasters.

"As consumers become more health-conscious, they are turning to healthier cooking techniques," states Dr. L. Preston, Professor and

Chairman of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Kentucky. "There is no doubt that roasting chicken on a rotisserie reduces fat content and produces more nutritious chicken than frying."

Based on analysis performed by an independent testing facility, and compared to already published nutritional information by three of the leading fried chicken chains, it is easy to demonstrate the difference the method of preparation makes.

Compared to equal portions of fried chicken from Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hardee's, and Popeyes, the following percentages in the chart below illustrate how much less calories, fat, and sodium Kenny Rogers Roasters chicken has:

Kenny Rogers Roasters	% less than KFC® - Crispy	% less than KFC® - Original	% less than Hardee's®	% less than Popeyes® - Mild
Calories	43%	32%	28%	35%
Fat	62%	50%	20%	55%
Sodium	9%	26%	46%	26%

"As part of our ongoing commitment, the Heart Smart Seal on many of our products makes it easy for our customers who are looking for less fat in their diets to pick and choose a well-balanced nutritious meal," says Dollarhyde. "It not only tastes good, but is good for you."

Menu Item	Calories	Ttl Fat (gm)	% Fat Calories	Sodium (mg)
White Quarter skin/wing removed	147	2.3	14%	332
BBQ Chicken Pita	356	7.0	18%	905
Cup of Chicken Noodle Soup	111	2.4	20%	715
Corn on the Cob	68	0.8	11%	11
Honey Baked Beans	152	2.3	13%	524
Rice Pilaf	173	4.7	24%	146
Side Salad	23	0.3	12%	16
Steamed Vegetables	48	0.3	6%	59

"Combine roasted chicken with fresh steamed vegetables, rice pilaf, and a corn muffin and you have a well-balanced, reduced fat, nutritious meal," states Dr. Mercer.

Beginning July 4th, a complete nutritional guide will be available at most Kenny Rogers Roasters locations. The nutrition analysis is comprised of data from independent testing facilities combined with data from Dr. L. Preston Mercer, Ph.D., F.A.C.N., C.N.S.; the United States Department of Agriculture; Heart Smart Restaurants In-

ternational; the University of Minnesota Nutrition Data System; and suppliers.

Kenny Rogers Roasters restaurants are dine-in or carry-out and feature wood-roasted chicken with a number of freshly prepared hot and cold side dishes. Two-and-a-half years after opening the first Kenny Rogers Roasters, the company has grown to over 150 restaurants in 31 states and four countries. Plans call for over 500 stores by the end of 1995 in the U.S. and overseas.

Stroke Support At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will host support groups for stroke patients and their families. Karen Fagan, LICSW, clinical social worker at the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at Noble Hospital, will lead the groups, which usually meet twice each month.

During the month of July, there will be no meetings on the 6th or 13th. A meeting for stroke patients will take place on July 20th at 5:30 p.m., and a meeting for families of stroke patients will take place on July 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Both groups will meet in the Bronson Dining Room where refreshments will be served. For more information or to register for the free support group, call Karen Fagan at 568-2811, ext. 466.

Motorists Should Learn About Wet Driving During Summer

Motorists caught in a sudden summer thunderstorm will be safer if they learn and practice wet-weather driving skills, reported the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley.

"Knowing what to do is important because the odds of having a collision increase in wet weather," said Paul Higgs, Manager of Emergency Road Service. "A hard rain can limit visibility so that a driver can't see the edges of the road, traffic signs, or other cars."

"Whether on vacation or running an errand, a driver who knows how to manage reduced visibility and slick pavement is more likely to stay in control," added Higgs.

AAA of Pioneer Valley offers the following tips to help motorists navigate their way through wet weather:

- Turn on windshield wipers as soon as rain begins to fall. If intermittent wipers are used, be certain they are set to a speed that will clear the windshield before visibility is compromised.

- If windows begin to fog, turn on the car's defroster.

- Use low-beam headlights to help other drivers see your car and increase visibility. Many states require headlight use in wet weather.

- Slow down and increase following distances. Speed limits are set for ideal road conditions. When it rains, visibility is reduced and braking distances increase.

Additional information on wet weather driving is available free from the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley by asking for the pamphlet "Get a Grip, Wet Weather Driving Techniques" by sending a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to Auto Club of Pioneer Valley, Traffic Safety Dept., 150 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089-1351.

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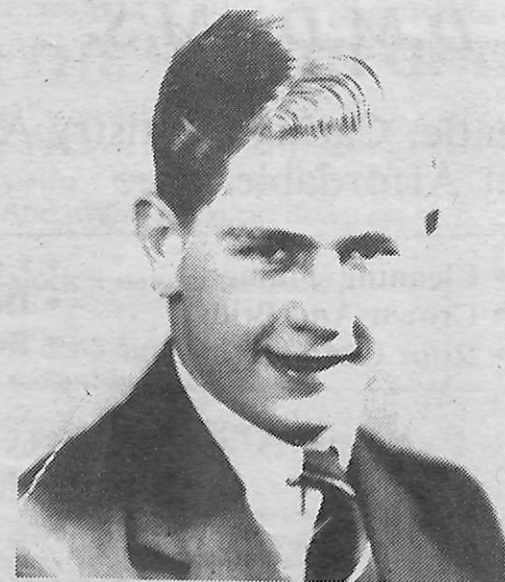
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AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT Robert Campbell (center) and President-Elect Rosemary Sandlin present a check of \$1,500 to Peter Wark, acting chief librarian of the Agawam Public Library. The donation will be used towards the purchase of compact discs.

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Agawam Rotary Club Donates \$1,500 To Agawam Library

The Agawam Rotary Club has once again presented a generous donation to the Agawam Public Library to be used for the purchase of high-quality audio-visual materials.

This year, a \$1,500 donation has been presented to be used towards the purchase of compact discs. The library's audio-visual budget is stretched to its limits due to the diverse demonstrated needs of our many patrons, as well as the many formats in which informational and recreational materials are now available.

Increased demands for compact discs have far surpassed the library's ability to purchase additional titles. In 1993, the circulation of compact discs numbered almost 7,000, up over 24 percent from 1992. Additionally, in recent months, the number of parents utilizing the library's small collection of compact discs for children has skyrocketed. The library has been registering a

300 percent increase in the use of these materials.

Compact discs are indispensable materials for the study and appreciation of classical and other great music, such as jazz, opera, and theater, which are virtually impossible to fully appreciate without hearing.

This generous donation is only the latest of many by the Rotary Club to the library. It is in no small part due to their on-going commitment that the Agawam Public Library was only one of two libraries named as "The best place for an opera recording" in the 1993 *Springfield Advocate* annual readers' poll.

The staff and administration of the library are grateful to the Rotary Club for their continued support, which allows them to maintain a distinguished level of service despite fiscal constraints.

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Summer Theatre...

Mount Holyoke Opens Summer Season With A Terrific Show

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The problem with a show such as *Lend Me A Tenor* is that it is a tough act to follow—especially when it's done as well as it was by the cast in the Mt. Holyoke Summer Theater production on Tuesday night, June 21st.

Ken Ludwig's slapstick comedy roared onto the stage with a cast in complete control of the rapid fire dialogue, the double takes, the pratfalls, and even the music.

Robert Mason played the lead, Max, the would-be tenor who can't sing in public. He's in love with Maggie (Jenna Ware, in her Mt. Holyoke debut), who has a passion for the voice of Italian tenor Tito "Il Stupendo" Morelli (Gannon McHale), who eats, drinks, and womanizes a bit too much.

Morelli is scheduled to sing at a gala concert in Cleveland, but arrives with his wife, Maria (Marina Re), in tow. He's sick, tired, and battling with his tempestuous spouse.

Saunders (Jay Alan Ginsburg) is the opera company manager who puts Max in charge of the tenor, who promptly falls into a drug-and-wine-induced stupor, missing his curtain call.

The action unfolds at breakneck speed, a comedy of misunderstandings, double entendres (intended and not), double takes, and lots of people hiding in closets, in bathrooms, in hallways, and in myriad compromising positions.

For those who have not seen this show (which was recently staged at StageWest), we won't give away the ending.

We will, however, tell you that there are no flubbed lines; that each character is in perfect tune with his or her part; and that the voices for the brief operatic moments are superb.

Mason is marvelous as the mild-mannered executive assistant and as the full blown tenor impersonating the real thing.

Ware has the right mix of guile and innocence as she looks for a fling while clinging to Max.

McHale brings a touch of arrogance and a continental flair to his role as the famous singer, and Re as his wife is the consummate passionate Italian wife (hands gesturing, words delivered with snap).

Ginsburg blusters his way through the play in a mixture of panic and frustration as his gala star dies; a scene where he is throttling a supposedly dead man had viewers laughing to the point of tears.

Supporting players—all equally good—included Scott Wood as the Bellhop, Jane Beingessner as the diva Dana, and Jan Gladish as the chairman of the gala, the affectacious Julia.

It was a tough play to stage in the round, but this cast, directed by Danny Peak, turned the small space to their advantage and made the most of every nook and cranny as the action unfolded in layers, with viewers watching separate but related actions play out.

The show runs through Saturday, June 25th, at Mt. Holyoke Summer Theater in South Hadley.

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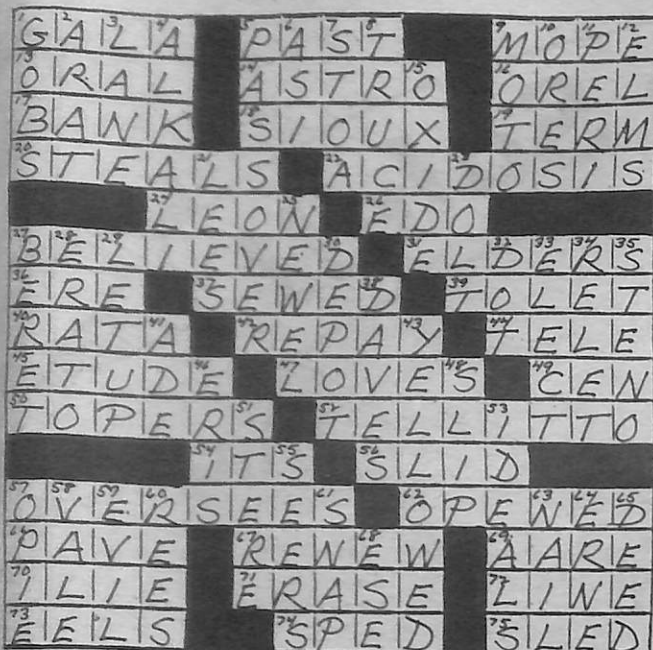
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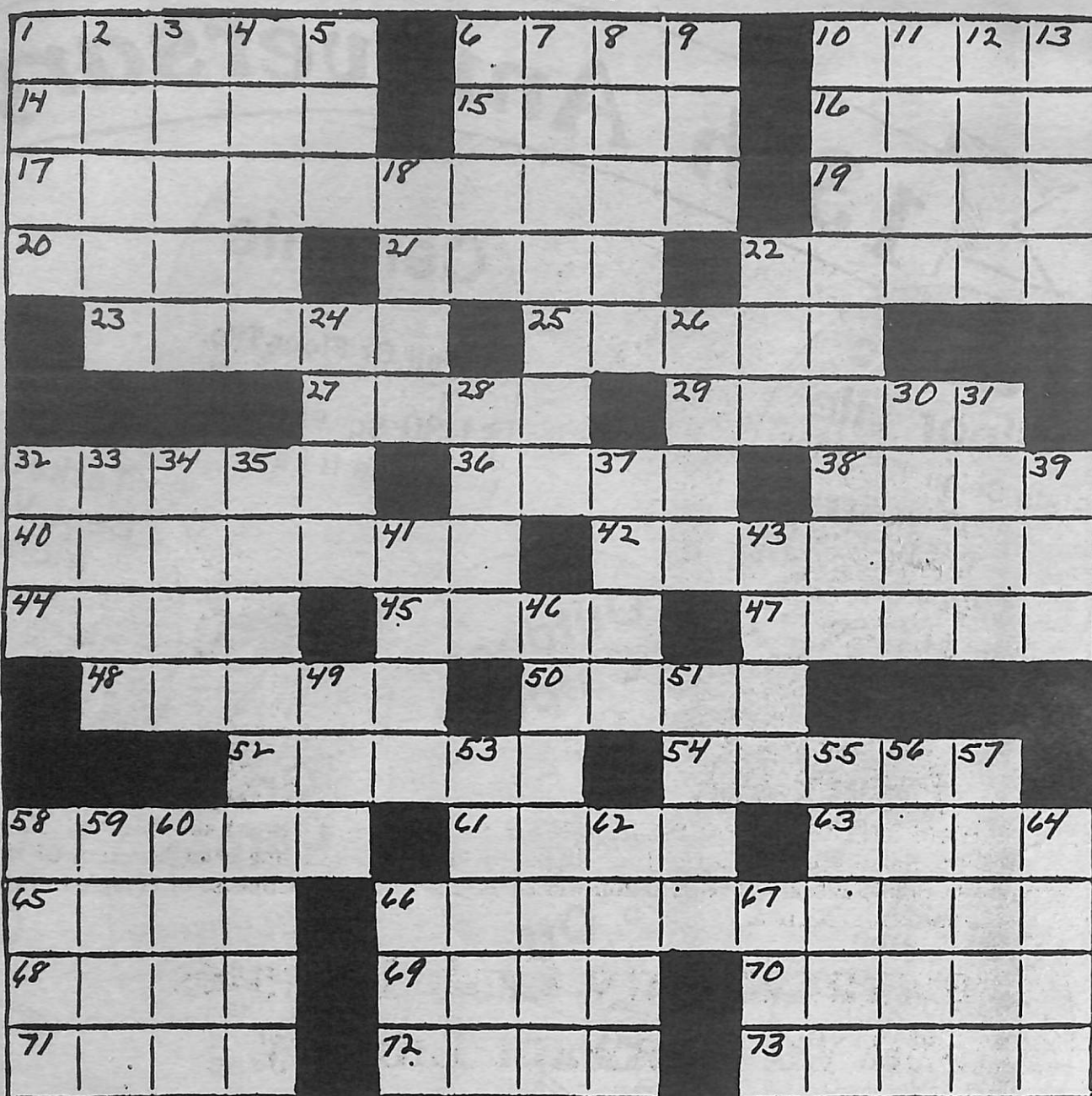


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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni

Springfield Armory Bicentennial Fair
Scheduled For July 1st To July 4th

Advance tickets for the Springfield Armory Bicentennial and Game Fair to be held July 1st through 4th, are now on sale at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum at the Quadrangle.

Tickets may be purchased in person or by mail. To order tickets, mail your check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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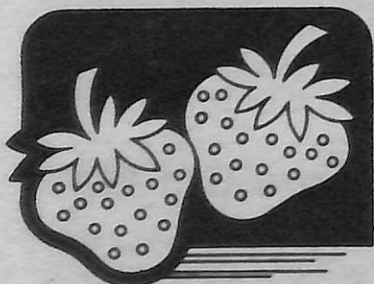
are free.

Activities include world class sporting competitions held at Mt. Tom Ski Area; reenactments, demonstrations, and exhibitions at the Springfield Armory National Historic Site; and AnglerSport bass fishing competition on the Connecticut River.

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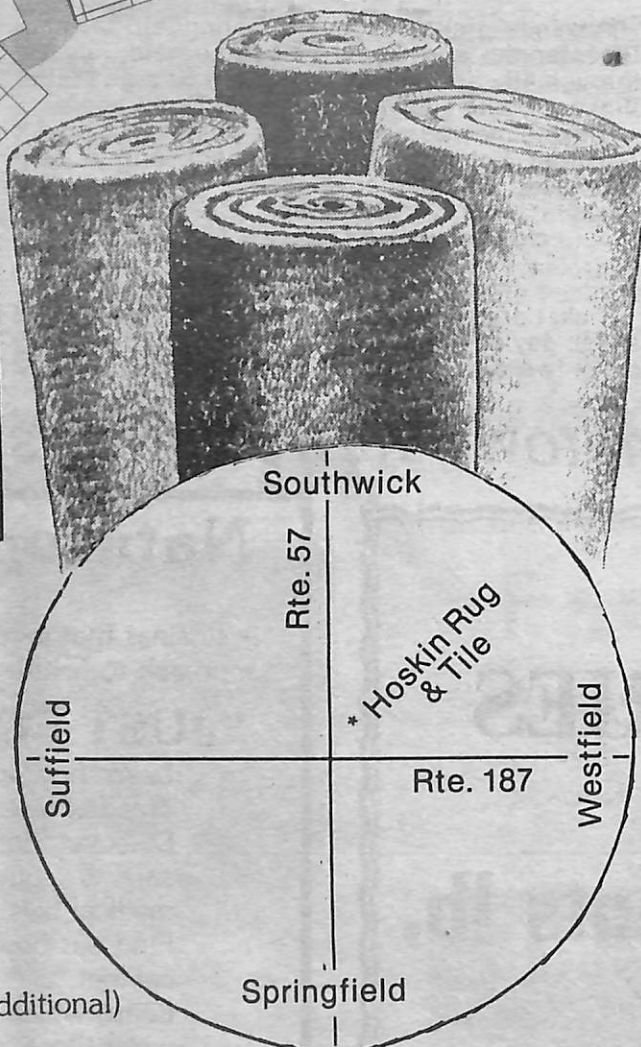
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Pisano's Picks...

ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Sardella's Selections

How could I have overlooked the man who made *Pisano's Picks ... On Video* possible? These selections are *Agawam Advertiser/News* publisher/editor Ric Sardella's favorite picks among older films. (He really is a tough movie critic—take it from me!)

* *Dr. Zhivago*

Director: David Lean. 1965. Rated PG. 2 hours and 56 minutes. Starring: Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Rod Steiger, and Alec Guinness.

An A-1 example of the purpose of true cinema: extravagant costumes, panoramic photography, impeccable acting, and precise direction. *Dr. Zhivago* can easily be labeled one of the best films in the history of moving pictures.

Omar Sharif plays the title character, who is a Russian poet trying to keep his life together during the Russian Revolution. Based upon the gripping novel by Boris Pasternak, this epic of love and war has firmly solidified itself as a milestone film in the evolution of motion pictures.

Do not be alarmed with the lengthy screenplay because your sense of time will be lost and completely at the mercy of imaginative and mesmerizing storytelling at its absolute best.

The only drawback to watching such an icon to film is that the gradual decay of motion pictures following *Dr. Zhivago's* release is clearly visible. It certainly is a sad state of affairs to think that at one time, *Dr. Zhivago* defined "going to the movies," whereas such farcites as *Dr. Giggles* defines the same entertainment medium today.

Dr. Zhivago is by all means grand-scale entertainment, proving once again what the movies were once meant to be. **4 STARS.** (17 years and up.)

* *Lawrence of Arabia*

Director: David Lean. 1962. Rated PG. 3 hours and 42 minutes. Starring: Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn, Arthur Kennedy, and Omar Sharif.

Dr. Zhivago mastermind David Lean again takes the helm in the phenomenal production of *Lawrence of Arabia*. Peter O'Toole delivers his best and most memorable performance as T.E. Lawrence, an Englishman who leads the Arabian revolt against Turkey during World War I.

Impeccable cinematic ingenuity on the part of Lean is present, courtesy of such elements as stunning set decoration; precise editing; powerful characterizations by the notable talents of Alec Guinness, Omar Sharif, and Anthony Quinn; and a mesmerizing soundtrack.

The proud recipient of seven Academy Awards, *Lawrence of Arabia* is truly a milestone in filmmaking and still proves to be one of the most memorable epics in the history of motion pictures. **4 STARS.** (15 years and up.)

* *Ben Hur*

Director: William Wyler. 1959. Rated G. 3 hours and 32 minutes. Starring: Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, and Sam Jaffe.

Another of Mr. Sardella's picks on video proves to be an example of stellar filmmaking. *Ben Hur* tells the story of a Palestinian Jew who battles the Roman Empire at the time of Jesus Christ.

Charlton Heston delivers one of his most memorable portrayals. His humanistic approach to playing the main character gives *Ben Hur* an appeal that results in pure viewing satisfaction.

Driven by a personal vendetta against the Roman governor (once a childhood friend) who exiles the main character and his family, Heston's character's bitterness adds spice to his role.

The ensuing chariot race is by far the most breathtaking spectacle of cinematic magic from that era. This certainly is A-1 filmmaking at its best.

Superb direction and the presentation of such awesome visuals as the aforementioned chariot race enhance *Ben Hur*, making it a timeless classic to be cherished by generations to come as an unfortunate remnant of what motion pictures once were, and should have remained as—pure escapism. **4 STARS.** (15 years and up.)

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: Coming next week in *Pisano's Picks ... On Video*—"Sardella's Selections, Part 2!" [I told you, folks, he is quite the movie critic!])

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

BIG E Lists Summer Schedule

Summertime at Eastern States Exposition's 175-acre fairgrounds will be filled with a wide array of events, guaranteed to live up to the Exposition's proud tradition of offering something for everyone.

Hundreds of the nation's artisans participated in the ACC Craft Fair, June 17th-19th. These fine crafts included works in wood, glass, clay, jewelry, metal, leather, and textiles, and were presented in the Better Living Center.

Storowton Village Museum celebrated the opening of its summer season with a day of old-fashioned family fun on June 18th. Topping off the festivities was a free ice cream social, sponsored by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation. There was also free lemonade for this special event, provided by Eastern State Exposition.

Craft demonstrations of fireplace cooking, blacksmithing, sewing, basket making, and bonnet making took place all day long, and free old-fashioned games for children were held. Children were also able to try their hand at quill pen calligraphy in the Law Office.

The following horse shows will take place in the Coliseum this summer. All are free and open to the public and schedules are as follows:

- * Arabian Horse Show of New England, June 28th-July 2nd, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- * Connecticut Summer Classic Horse Show, July 14th-16th, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- * Region No. 16 Arabian Horse Show, July 20th-23rd, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- * New England Quarter Horse Show, July 28th-31st, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- * Massachusetts Morgan Horse Show, August 16th-20th, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Better Living Center will be the site of the 25th annual All Breed Dog Show of the Kenilworth Kennel Club on July 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the Farmington Valley Dog Show on July 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Wooly creatures will strut their stuff on July 15th-17th at the New England Sheep Sale and Northeast Youth Sheep Show, taking place in the Mallory Complex. Show hours for this free event are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 17th.

The New England Summer Craft Spectacular will take place at Storowton Village Museum on Sunday, July 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Over 125 selected artisans and craftspeople from seven states will participate in this craft extravaganza. The event is free and open to the public.

Youthful enthusiasm and energy will charge the atmosphere in the Mallory Complex when the Hampden County 4-H Fair takes place July 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hampden County youths will demonstrate static exhibits, judge livestock, take part in a bicycle rodeo and tractor pull, and much more. The event is free and open to the public.

Music will fill the air as the Town of West Springfield presents concerts on Storowton Village Museum green August 4th, 11th, and 25th at 6:00 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public.

The Better Living Center will sparkle and shine August 12th-14th when the East Coast Gem & Mineral Show takes place. This exhibit is the largest gathering of mineral, fossil, gemstone, jewelry, and earth science related dealers on the eastern seaboard.

Activities include free gold panning for children under the age of 12, and several exhibits and lectures focusing on minerals of the United Kingdom. The show takes place Friday, August 12th and Saturday, August 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, August 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.






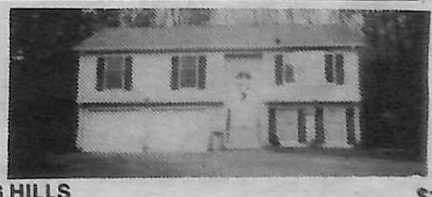
Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students, and free for children 12 and under. Girl and boy scouts in uniform will be admitted free.

Explore "The World of Fantasy" at CraftAdventure '94, a show of the region's fine fiber and fabric artistry, August 26th-28th. Fine artwork in quilting, needlework, lace, crochet, knitting, and many other classes will be exhibited from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the New England Center.

Admission to CraftAdventure '94 is \$3 for adults and free for children under the age of 12.

The summer is sizzling in anticipation of the one event offering thrilling free entertainment, fine crafts, livestock, midway rides, and delicious food. Don't miss this year's first-ever 17-day Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," Friday, September 16th through Sunday, October 2nd.

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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Speed

The first and only summer film to make any impact (thus far) is *Speed*, a fast-paced action thriller that leaves viewers exhausted and feeling that their theater dollars were well spent.

Keanu Reeves stars as Jack Traven, a member of an elite task force that's a step above your standard SWAT team.

Partnered with Jeff Daniels as his buddy Harry, they stage a tension-fraught rescue of businessmen and women stranded in a high-rise elevator rigged with a bomb.

If you survived those first 20 minutes, you're ready for the real action.

The mad bomber, who becomes ticked off when he fails to kill these first victims, launches a cat-and-mouse campaign by wiring a city bus with enough explosives to level a city block, and rigging it to activate once the bus hits 50 miles per hour (though it won't explode unless the bus drops back to a speed below 50 mph).

The balance of the film takes place on the bus, as Jack tries matching wits with a madman and tries to save the lives of the innocent riders.

As for the madman, well, what can you say about Dennis Hopper except that he is simply great as the ex-cop with a vendetta and the know-how to make disaster happen.

Sandra Bullock has a supporting role as a young woman who winds up piloting the bus through city streets and the L.A. freeways when the real driver is shot.

The film opens with tension, suspense, and action, and it never slows its pace. Jan DeBont directed, proving that someone in Hollywood still can.

—The Flintstones

The Flintstones is a cartoon come to life with John Goodman as the perfect Fred, matched with a cast of characters in clever costumes on clever sets that should make a clever movie.

So why doesn't it work?

After the opening scenes (lifted by carbon from the TV series), the thrill is gone. Characters have no substance, and even if they did, they have no story to work with. After 10 minutes of by-play, the appeal is gone and viewers are left with ... nothing!

Cameos by the likes of Elizabeth Taylor as Fred's mother-in-law fail to add spice to the film; if you sit through the end, you should get the Academy Award.

Very young children might like this one. Everyone else, however, should race back to the future.

—The Cowboy Way

The Cowboy Way is a buddy film that catapults two midwestern jocks into the Big Apple in search of a friend who's in search of his missing daughter. Of course, the buddy turns up dead and the daughter is essentially at the mercy of drug dealers and immigrant smugglers.

Our heroes ride to the rescue on horses stolen from the mounted NYPD; this action is all nice and neat, and at times it's fun.

Keifer Sutherland stars as the hero, and Woody Harrelson co-stars as his sidekick—a two-man version of *The Three Musketeers*.

It's not bad, but you can wait for HBO.

Summer Hours Set At Agawam Public Lib.

The Agawam Public Library has announced its summer hours set to coincide with the end of the school year.

The library will be closed on Saturdays beginning June 25th, and remain closed on Saturdays throughout July and August.

The library's schedule for the rest of the week remains unchanged: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Birthday Card ads are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture. The deadline is Tuesday at noon, but the earlier the better!



KEANU REEVES is Jack Traven and SANDRA BULLOCK is Annie in "*Speed*," a summer action flick now playing.

THE BIG E Commits To \$500 For Irrigation For Bridge Flowers

Agawam Town Council Vice President George Bitzas, along with Zoafia Demko, Chairwoman of the Beautification Committee, and Seth Swift, the Forestry Superintendent in West Springfield, met last week with Wayne McCary, President of the Eastern States Exposition.

Councilor Bitzas was seeking a donation of about \$500 from The Big E for an irrigation system. This system would be installed on the bridge so that the plants that decorate the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge would be watered during the summer months.

Mr. McCary was very enthusiastic about the idea and committed to pay for the irrigation system. "We are very thankful to have such cooperation and support from The Big E," Bitzas said.

"Last year, The Big E donated \$3,000, along with \$1,000 from the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce for the permanent concrete planters that adorn the bridge. Taxpayers' dollars have not been used for this project," Bitzas stated.

The connection for the water will be on the West Springfield side.

Trip To Ellis Island & Statue Of Liberty Planned For August 14

Saint Ann's Travel Club is sponsoring a trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island on Sunday, August 14th. Visit the Statue of Liberty and/or Ellis Island as time permits. Your ticket on the Circle Island Boat will take you both places, it depends on where you want to spend your time.

Food concessions are available. Departure will be from the South Street Seaport, where you may shop or visit the many food places.

The bus leaves St. Ann's at 7:00 a.m. (no stop on way), and returns at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person.

For further information, call Angela Giorgi at 736-7661.

A trip to the "Christmas Spectacular" at Radio City Music Hall starring The Rockettes is scheduled for Sunday, November 20th.

The show starts at 11:00 a.m. (Orchestra Section/First Mazanline).

The bus leaves St. Ann's at 7:00 a.m. (non-stop), and will leave New York at 5:30 p.m. (rest stop). Cost per person is \$65.

For more information, call Angi Giorgi at 736-7661.

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Education

AHS Carnival Proves To Be Great Day For Underclassmen, PTSO

by Kathy Cassenelli
News Editor

Visitors to Harmon Smith Field at Agawam High School expect to see highly trained and motivated teams taking the field for the school in varsity and junior varsity competition in football, soccer, field hockey, and track. Although not yet elevated to the level of varsity play, "Duck, Duck Goose" is the latest addition to the roster of "sporting" events presented at AHS.

Yes, that's right—"Duck, Duck Goose." And what's more, visitors can marvel at the skill of well-trained "athletes" tossing water balloons, hula-ing hoops, throwing wet sponges, and racing in sacks, wheelbarrows, and tied together for three-legged races.

While Harmon Smith Field has seen its share of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, it has never seen anything like this before.

A Carnival For AHS Students

In what many hope will be an annual event, the school's PTSO recently sponsored a carnival for the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes as part of its effort to build school spirit by showing the students they can have a good time on school grounds.

Entering the field, students were met with music from their favorite FM stations booming from a sound system donated by area DJ Tom Melbourne and manned by his dad, Earl. A collection of games and contests with something to please everyone waited on the field.

PTSO co-chairwoman Nancy Melbourne said the event was purposely planned to take place after graduation. "This is something special for the underclassmen. The seniors have so many activities, and this gives the underclassmen something fun to do."

Spanning three periods of the school day, including lunch period, the carnival offered students a chance to enjoy a picnic lunch with their friends and to join in 27 activities ranging from water balloon, football, and frisbee toss to face-painting to volleyball.

Variety Of Activities To Amuse Everyone

Some students organized their own games, while others sampled the planned activities or took advantage of the rare opportunity to relax and socialize with their friends during school.

While the face-painting stand had an average wait of one hour (for the popular peace signs, flowers, and messages of heartfelt love made the stand one of the carnival's favorite attractions), sophomore **Danielle LaBarre** thought the most fun event was the donut-eating contest where donuts were being inhaled in two seconds flat.

"I'm having an awesome time," Danielle added.

Sophomore **Selena Machia** enjoyed the break from studying for finals and the chance to be with friends she doesn't usually see during the school day. Selena said the day reminded her of Fun Day at Robinson and Field Day at the Middle School.

"It was really fun—like being a little kid again," Selena said. "We didn't expect to see the principal (Russell Furtado) playing soccer."

And the kids who invited their principal to join the game never expected he would lose the jacket and tie and play to win. "They threw me out after I scored two goals," Furtado reported with a grin. "They have no sense of humor."

Claiming the poster made by **John Conant** for "Pin The Bow Tie On Furtado" to decorate his door, Furtado said, "I have to have this. It's got hair!"

Furtado credited the PTSO for the success of the fun-filled afternoon. "They've done a fantastic job. They're a dynamite group and they deserve a tremendous amount of credit for this project and the Saturday nights at Fitness First," Furtado said. "I hope to see more parents get involved. When the kids see their parents here, that sends a message."



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS, from left - Jeff Harlin, Marc Guillemette, Chris Chechile, and Dom "Captain MVP" Pisano are pictured at the site of the water balloon toss at the school carnival. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PTSO members, from left - Iris Copson, Nancy Melbourne, Joann McGeoghan, and Susan Pettazzoni direct the school's carnival for underclassmen on June 8th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Impressed with the success of the carnival and the cooperation of the students, Furtado said he saw no problem with the event being repeated next year.

Resulting From A PTSO Survey

The event grew out of a PTSO survey asking students what activities they'd like to see at the

school. Mrs. Melbourne said with the help of Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney, the planning committee (Mrs. Melbourne, Iris Copson, and Joann McGeoghan) devised activities using equipment on hand in the Physical Education Department.

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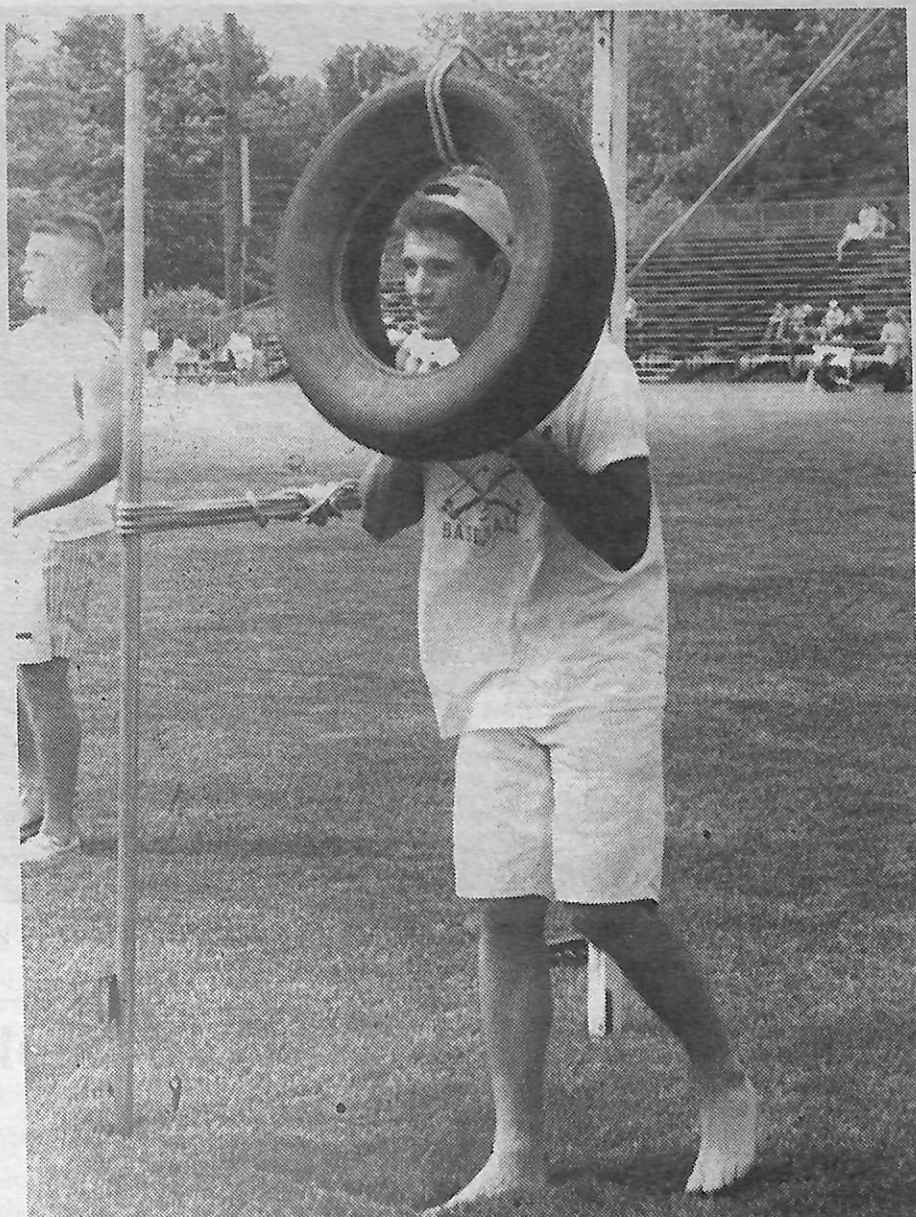
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AHS Carnival Great Success For PTSO



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENT Brian Colby (left) was one of the well-trained athletes who participated in the school's first carnival on June 8th; IN PHOTO RIGHT, a blindfolded Megan Shannon "pins the bow tie" over a cartoon-likeness of Principal Russell Furtado. Many thought it was fitting where Shannon placed the bow tie. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Working with a core group of eight students, the PTSO soon lined up more than 70 student volunteers through the efforts of **Lisa Sands** and **Sara Suffriti**, who gave up their lunch breaks to sign up students to run the activities.

Arriving at 7:30 a.m. to begin setting up the field, Mrs. Melbourne and Mrs. Copson were joined around 9:30 a.m. by the students who volunteered to take responsibility for set-up and clean-up of the games. "The kids are running this—the teachers are just here for supervision," Mrs. Melbourne noted.

Although there was some skepticism on the part of the staff in the beginning, most teachers agreed the carnival was a huge success.

"It's going very well. The kids look like they're having a good time," reading teacher Sandra Marona said.

English teacher Tracy Farnham agreed. "It's fun to see these kids being kids and having good, clean fun."

With the cooperation of Frank Godek, director of the School Lunch Program, lunch was served from the concession stand. "Frank took care of everything. He's been fantastic," Mrs. Melbourne said.

In order to make the operation run more smoothly, Godek reduced the price of the lunch to \$1 to save time on making change. In addition to transporting all the lunch materials out onto the field, Godek made special arrangements to obtain juice boxes to serve with the cold cut grinders, chips, and carrot sticks. With ice cream for dessert, it was the best deal in town for lunch.

Several parents were on hand to help with taking down the equipment and cleaning up the field, including **Cheryl Marsili**, **Pat Nolan**, and **Louise David** and **Sue Pettazzoni** (both School Committee members).

When last spotted, Furtado was organizing a trash policing squad and leading the way "pitching it in."

Storowton Village Museum Is Seeking Summer Volunteers

Relive a bit of history in 19th century New England and help present it to 20th century audiences by volunteering as an interpreter this summer at Storowton Village Museum.

Adult and teenage (ages 14 and up) volunteers are being sought to staff Storowton for guided tours of its antique buildings, as well as special programs, Early American Summer Day Camp, and The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair" (September 16th through October 2nd). Also, adult volunteers are needed to staff Storowton's Gift Shop.

Volunteers act as docents, assuming and interpreting the roles of 19th century villagers. Dressed in Early American garb, volunteers will become well versed in the traditions, customs, and crafts of 19th century New England and Storowton's history through free training provided by Storowton Village Museum.

As a volunteer, a person is able to help Storowton Village Museum continue its tradition of providing quality educational and historical programs. Volunteers also become a part of living history, and have the opportunity to interact with the public and establish many new friendships. Volunteering is a way to gain experience, personal fulfillment, and is a valuable addition to a resume or student application.

Storowton Village Museum is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. To volunteer, call Storowton Village weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (413) 787-0136 and ask for either Dennis Picard or Jacki Sullivan.

Ice Cream Social At Phelps School



FIRST GRADERS at Phelps School were given an ice cream social on June 9th. Pictured are **Magie Pandolfi** and **Meaghan Lewis**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Play Put On By Room 16 At Phelps School



PHELPS SCHOOL STUDENTS Joel Howe, David Reynolds, Chris Martin, Ryan Zaczynski, and Ian Hamlett, under the direction of Room 16 teacher Elizabeth Robinson, practice for their upcoming performance. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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“Karen” Remembered At AHS Ceremony

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It was a time for smiles and a time for tears as the family of Karen Buffington-DelPeschio gathered with her teachers in the courtyard at Agawam High School for a bittersweet ceremony dedicating a bench to her memory.

Accompanied by her husband, Paul, and sons, Jamie and Chris, Betsy DelPeschio joined her colleagues in the courtyard to accept the donation of the bench memorializing her 17 year-old daughter who succumbed to Reye's Syndrome in 1992 in the fall of her senior year (Class of 1993).

Smiling through their tears, Karen's family and friends listened to Spanish teacher Linda Sasso's emotion-choked voice as she paid tribute to the student she watched grow from girlhood to young womanhood.

"I still see her in my mind sitting in the front row with a brilliant smile on her face and barrettes in her hair. She had a gentle and generous heart with her family, her teachers, and her friends.

Fitting Tribute

"How fitting that her graduation class donated this bench in her name! Endless students will sit in the sunshine of her smile, supported by the strong legs of steel that was her family, close to the earth and to nature that is the wood. Agawam High School proudly accepts this gift in Karen's name," said Mrs. Sasso.

Continuing in the tradition of giving something back to the school, the Class of 1993 took on the project of beautifying the courtyard and donating a bench with a memorial plaque to honor the memory of their classmate.

"I appreciate everything they do. I like to see things that will remind me of her, but it also makes me cry," Mrs. DelPeschio said. "It's just reality."

For Betsy DelPeschio, the courtyard is a daily reminder of the loss her family has suffered and the outpouring of love and support they have received from Karen's friends and teachers. Each day Mrs. DelPeschio, a teaching assistant at the school, passes by the wooden bench placed there in remembrance of a young woman who loved working with her hands and had set her sights on a career as a technology teacher.

"She enjoyed all the different courses we have. She was sampling everything," remembered Tech Education teacher Don Dorazio. "Woodworking was her favorite."

With her husband and sons as "my support system," Mrs. DelPeschio said it is the memory of Karen's smile that never fails to lift her spirits. "She was so happy, so bounced when she walked. Nothing ever got her down," Mrs. DelPeschio said.

'A Good Person Who Never Hurt Anyone'

Mrs. Sasso remembered Karen as "one of those kids you just wanted everything good for. A good person who never hurt anyone. That's the kind of person she was."

In addition to the memorial in the courtyard, a memorial scholarship has been established in Karen's name. Mrs. DelPeschio said the scholarship is given to a student who is planning a technical career or a career in technology education. This year, the scholarship was awarded to 1994 graduate Michael Rose.

With support from local businesses and from S.A.V.E. (the environmental club at AHS), Karen's classmates worked to clean up the courtyard and put in plantings for a garden area around the benches.

Along with many others who "just wished to help," Mrs. DelPeschio said students Abdallah Halig, John Butler, Jim Thompson, Chris Suffriti, Jamie Bruso, and Ray Sawyer volunteered their time to keep Karen's memory alive at AHS.

Area businesses who donated goods and services for the memorial were John's Trucking, Fafard Conrad, Inc., DeCaro Brothers, Cincotta Farms, Pamela Jacobsen, Ed Catellier, Paul Nascimbeni, and Andy Long.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We do, however, appreciate those who bring in their copy on either Friday or Monday. Thanks. Please publicize your event at least one week in advance.



THE FAMILY OF KAREN BUFFINGTON-DELPESCHIO with Agawam High faculty member Linda Sasso (left) - Chris Buffington, Betsy DelPeschio, Barbara Russell, Paul DelPeschio, Brian Hearn, Jamie DelPeschio, and David Hearn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



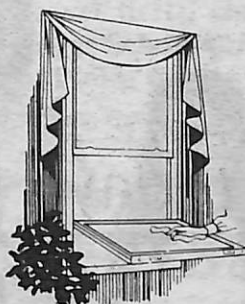
IN MEMORY OF
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AN ENGRAVED BENCH in the courtyard at Agawam High School was dedicated to the memory of Karen Buffington-DelPeschio in a recent ceremony at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Mechanical Drafting Again Brings Out Best At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For the second year in a row, two Agawam High School seniors walked off with scholarship awards from the Porter and Chester Institute in Enfield for their work in architectural and mechanical drafting.

The students duplicated their success last year in the drafting contest sponsored by the Porter and Chester student chapters of the Society of Manufacturing Engineering and the American Institute of Architects. The AHS students are under the supervision of drafting instructor John Magdycz. They won first place in the CADD division and second place in the mechanical division.

The Third Annual Drafting Contest brought students from over 50 Massachusetts and Connecticut high schools together at the Porter and Chester Institute recently.

Chance To Improve Drafting Skills

According to Porter and Chester Career Guidance Counselor Michael Mulhollen, the contest gives the students the chance to improve their drafting skills and provides them the opportunity to meet with drafting professionals, as well as other students interested in pursuing careers in drafting.

As in past years, the contest was judged by engineers from corporate sponsors Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Standard, Combustion Engineering, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, Russell Gibson Von Dohlen, Kasper Associates, Shepard Steel, Stanadyne, Block and Brown Architects, Tecton Inc., Martin Benassi AIA, and Alvin, Inc.

Once again Debra Parslow won first place in the CADD category and a \$250 scholarship for her work in drafting the plans for a single story, seven room house with four bedrooms. Ms. Parslow said her entry included the floor plan of the house along with elevation views and kitchen cabinet elevation views. The drawing was one component of a class assignment begun in the fall.

Magdycz said, "The primary goal of Debbie's class was to design a house, make all the necessary plans to complete the house, make a model and a rendering of the house, and draw up a bill of materials that would be needed to complete the house."

Mike Campion received his second \$150 scholarship from Porter and Chester by taking second place in the mechanical division with his drawing of a weldment. Magdycz said the drawing was the culmination of a two-week project in the advanced drafting class and consisted of four views and an isometric (3-D picture) of the object.

With pride in his students' accomplishments, Magdycz noted that both of the students who entered the contest won prizes for their work.

"Once given the challenge, they would not give up until it was done to their satisfaction and mine. I'm going to miss them," Magdycz said.

Ms. Parslow plans to major in civil engineering or architecture at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Campion will be attending Keene State in New Hampshire as a drafting and design major.

Agawam High School Class of 1994 Pro Merito List

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AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1994 member Mike Campion receives his award from Mike Mulhollen, a career guidance counselor from Porter & Chester Institute. Looking on are faculty members John Magdycz (left) and Thomas Collins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1994 member Debbie Parslow receives her award from Mike Mulhollen, a career guidance counselor from Porter & Chester Institute. Looking on are faculty members Thomas Collins (left) and John Magdycz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MECHANICAL DRAFTING STUDENTS Debra Parslow and Mike Campion, scholarship award winners from Porter & Chester Institute in Enfield, are pictured with faculty members Thomas Collins (left) and John Magdycz and Mike Mulhollen, a career guidance counselor from Porter & Chester Institute. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rapacki Wins Harvard Award At AHS



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL student D.J. Rapacki is the recipient of the prestigious Harvard University Award for all-around academic excellence. Presenting the award is Rosemary Stratton, English Department chairman, and Principal Russell Furtado. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lions Donate Equipment To Granger School



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS Robert Gravel (left), club president, and James Loomis, Sight Committee chairman and former Granger School principal, look on as school Nurse Joan Malachowski tests the hearing of student Philip Gildersleeve. The Lions donated the equipment to the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TARA MELBOURNE

Tara Melbourne Is AHS Artist Of Month

The Agawam High School artist chosen for the month of June is Tara Melbourne, a junior, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Earl (Butch) Melbourne of 33 Red Fox Drive, Feeding Hills.

Miss Melbourne was selected because she was the most improved artist of the year. She has three brothers, Mike (18), Tommy (15), and Brian (9). Her hobbies are arts and crafts, painting, and babysitting.

Tara's school activities have included color guard, "The Group," and work study. Her favorite school subjects are drawing and painting, typing, and pottery. She enjoys camping, playing with her cat, Tarbi, and she does have a boyfriend.

Tara's future plan after graduation is to attend cosmetology school and take some art classes on the side for enjoyment. She would someday like to own her own beauty shop and specialize in manicures.

Miss Melbourne dislikes traveling by car, but has been to Florida and Washington State. She dreams of visiting China, Japan, and France.

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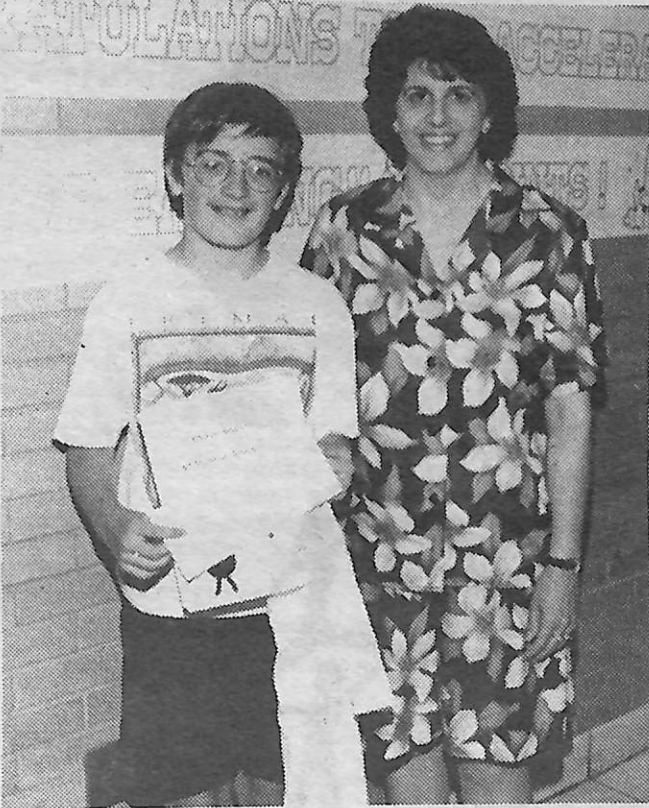
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Middle School Readers Receive Awards At Recognition Breakfast

This has been an exciting year for the Middle School Accelerated Reader program. On June 10th, 410 students, approximately two-thirds of the student body, attended an awards breakfast.

Each of these fifth and sixth graders earned a minimum of 10 points by passing computerized comprehension tests based upon an enormous selection of books. Altogether, the students have earned a grand total of 11,652 points, 5,646.9 for the fifth grade and 6,005.1 for the sixth grade.

We are delighted that each year the total number of points earned has risen as more of our students become increasingly enthusiastic about reading and books.

We are very proud of sixth grader Nicolas Duquette, who continued his extensive reading this year. His impressive final total score for his two Middle School years was 1513.7 points. This feat was accomplished by reading 114 books and passing every test with an average percentage correct of 95.6. Nick was given a \$50 bond donated by Fleet Bank as a reward.

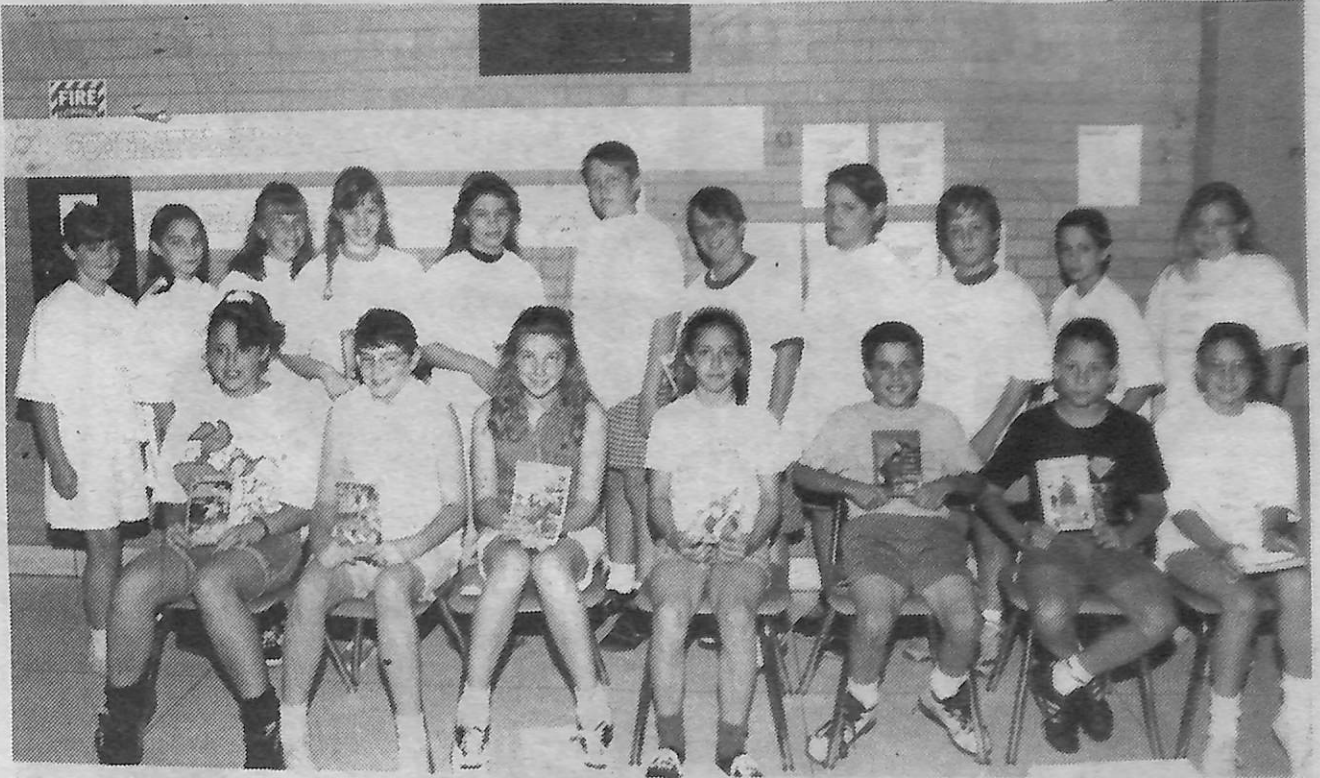
Other students who received Accelerated Reader T-shirts for their high total scores are sixth graders Mary Manning (206.6 points), Caitlin Weisgerber (114.3 points), Justin Gorman (155.9 points), Caroline Scherpa (238.1 points), Shawna Suffriti (108.3 points), Lori Clarke (116.9 points), David Gusek (127.6 points), Gina Loudfoot (106.9 points).

Also, Carrie Fede (428.6 points), Ashley Turniak (117.3 points), Sarah Hill (100.5 points), Jessica Siegler (141.6 points), Alyssa Gagnon (192.4 points), Joshua O'Neill (130.3 points), Jason Pitoniak (130.3 points), Sean Smith (113.6 points), Adam Howe (138.3 points), Gabrielle Robinson (138.5 points), Rebecca Long (128.6 points), Jennifer Modzelesky (101.6 points), Monica Moriarty (129.2 points), Nicole Koehler (112.2 points).

Stephanie Jenkins was the highest fifth grade scorer with 515.9 points this year, a great achievement. Other fifth grade high scorers were Benjamin Peltier (130.5 points), Bianca Chase (100 points), Ryan Lepard (105.8 points), Daniel Boissonneault (111.8 points), Sean Gaffney (254.7 points), Gregory Mantolesky (108.3 points), Nicole Dominick (168.3 points), Janet Jock (103.8 points), Jules Lavalley (122.2 points), Amanda Menard (105.3 points), Melody Serafino (248.3 points), Lisa Bienia (115.4 points).

Books were presented to each student who earned more than 50 points for the second half of the year. Those students were Eric Pederson (57.4), Justin Gorman (73), Caroline Scherpa (60.7), Laura Charest (51), Carrie Fede (72.9), Nicolas Duquette (492.4), Tiffany Scaiffe (64), Jessica Siegler (61.9), Alyssa Gagnon (92.9).

Also, Stephanie Keenan (72.4), Tammy Norton (51.2), Jason Pitoniak (58.8), Adam Howe (62), Rebecca Long (55.3), Monica Moriarty (57.2), Laurie Sachowicz (60.5), Robert Torte (51.5), Stephanie Jenkins (303.7), Corey Federico (71.9), Benjamin Peltier (86.6), Timothy Chretien (57.6), Sean Gaffney (121), Gregory Mantolesky (62.3), Jessica Coelho (68.1), Amanda Boissonneault (87), Nicole Dominick (104.3), Tara Feeley (53.9), Davida Flynn (68.6), Janet Jock (52), Jules Lavalley (88), Melody Serafino (127.7).



TOP FIFTH GRADE READERS at the Agawam Middle School at the June 10th Awards Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOP SIXTH GRADE READERS at the Agawam Middle School at the June 10th Awards Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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More from the CLASS OF '94

Agawam Residents Receive Honors From STCC

Springfield Technical Community College President Andrew M. Scibelli announced that several area residents were recognized at the College's annual Honors Convocation ceremony on June 1st.

The event was held to recognize outstanding students who were recipients of awards and scholarships. Most of these students participated in STCC's 27th commencement exercises held June 2nd at the Springfield Civic Center.

Agawam residents honored at the ceremony were Kathleen R. Stack, Lidia Murray, Kathleen M. Stevens, Kristy Librera, Mary Ann Sparver, and Dawn Cross.

Stack was honored by the Radiography Department by the presentation of the John W. Turner Award which recognizes one Radiography freshman student who has demonstrated serious academic effort, outstanding clinical performance, and interest and involvement in professional activities.

Murray, a Liberal Arts Transfer student, was one of two students granted the Humanities Division Award which honors the completion of five or more humanities courses, including at least two literature courses, and the achievement of an A-average for the five humanities courses and a B average overall.

Additionally, Murray was one of eight students to earn the Class of 1994 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, conferred upon those members of the graduating class who completed their programs with a perfect cumulative Quality Point Average of 4.0.

Stevens, a Nursing major, was one of 12 students to share in the Alumni Association Scholarships which are made possible by the generosity of graduates who place high value on their educational experience at STCC. The recipients of an Alumni Scholarship must have maintained a 3.0 QPA and must have shown significant involvement in campus activities and community service.

Librera, a Clinical Laboratory Science major, was the one returning student to be awarded the STCC Co-Curricular Scholarship. Along with one graduating student, Librera demonstrated outstanding leadership in her involvement with co-curricular activities at STCC while maintaining a very respectable academic award.

Librera was also one of seven students to be awarded a Higher Education Coordinating Council Scholarship which is designated by STCC to recognize students who have been enrolled at the college and who will continue their education at STCC. Academic achievement, as well as campus and community involvement, are primary criteria in the selection of recipients for this scholarship.

Sparver was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*, an honor which recognizes outstanding merit and accomplishments.

Cross, a student of the Nuclear Medicine Technology program, was one of three students to be awarded the Class of 1994 Honors Certificate, in recognition of high attainment in scholarship. To be eligible for the program, students must have a 3.5 QPA or higher. Students accepted into this program are required to complete at least 13 hours of honors-level courses before graduation which includes honors colloquia and research methodology courses.

Area Students Graduate From HCC

Holyoke Community College held its 47th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 4th, at 11:00 a.m. on the campus field.

The following are the names of local HCC graduates:

* From Agawam:

Nathan Bowers, Heath von Hollander, Michael Sibilia, Kathleen Baker, James Healey, Lauretta Beauregard, Tina DiTomaso, Daniel Fiedler, Paul Reynolds, Christine Veale, Denise Roy, Christine Filkoski, and Inkyung Sara Choi.

* From Feeding Hills:

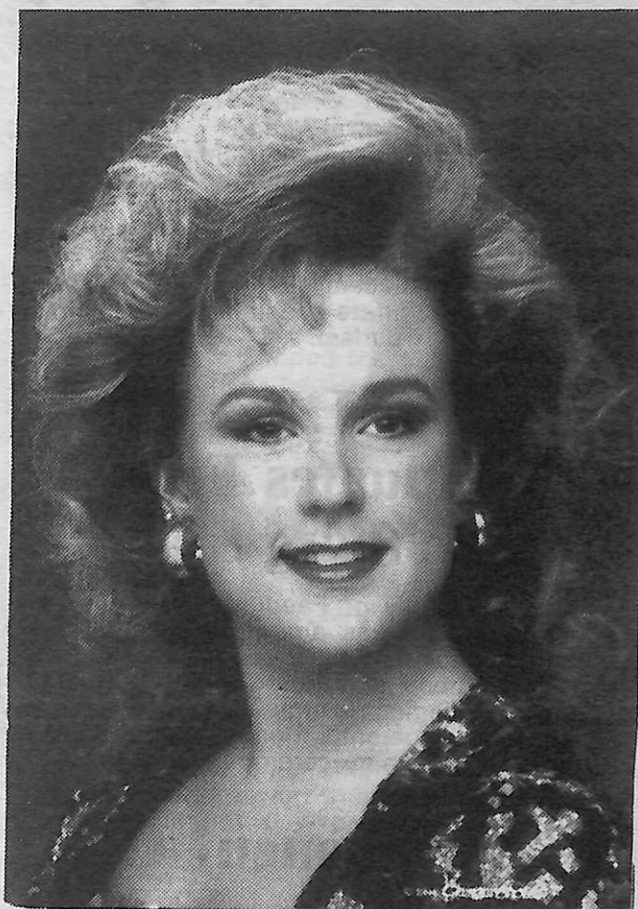
Theresa Moccio, Heather Kendall, Scott Stork, Daniel Franklin, Sandra D'Amours, Kristi Santaniello, Denise Garrett, Todd Gionfriddo, Christopher Cosgrove, Christopher Corradino, Victoria Giguere, Michael Kowalewski, Leigh Fijal, Cindy Cavanaugh, Kathleen Dunican, Joelle LaFlamme, Michelle Desilets, Jeffrey Castonguay, Elizabeth Maher, Brian Montagna, Clark Messenger, Peter Rondinelli, Kimberly Schuerer, Scott Skorupski, Kathleen Hudzikiewicz, and Jeff Pirro.

Matt Michnovetz Named To Dean's List At Emerson College

Matt Michnovetz of Agawam, a student majoring in Mass Communications/Film at Emerson College, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1994 spring semester. Students receiving Dean's List recognition must earn a 3.45 grade point average for the semester, based on a four-point grade system.

Founded in 1980, Emerson College in Boston is the only private four-year academic institution in the nation devoted solely to the study of communication and performing arts. The college offers graduate and undergraduate programs in communication disorders, communication studies, mass communication, the performing arts, and writing, literature, and publishing.

Well-known graduates from Emerson College include "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno, actor/producer Henry Winkler, producer Norman Lear, and ABC News correspondent Morton Dean.



CHRISTIE SCHEVE

Christie Scheve Named To Dean's List At Boston University

Dean Brenden F. Gilbane of the College of General Studies at Boston University, has named Christie L. Scheve to the Dean's List for the spring 1994 semester. He has also informed her of her acceptance to the Sargent College of Allied Medical Professions at B.U.

The daughter of Linda B. Scheve of Barry Street, Feeding Hills, Christie is a 1992 honors graduate of Agawam High School. She has just completed her sophomore year at B.U. and is taking classes there this summer in her new major.

Agawam Residents Graduates Of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who made the Institute's dean's list for the spring. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

Students from Agawam are: Brian W. Brunelle of 141 Suffield Street, a freshman majoring in biology; James K. Dion, 28 Charest Lane, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Students from Feeding Hills are: Matthew A. Toczko of 60 Karen Lynn Circle, a freshman majoring in chemistry; Lubna R. Yousef, 78 Forest Hill Road, a freshman majoring in engineering; Tariq Yousef, 78 Forest Hill Road, a freshman majoring in biochemistry biophysics.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer is the nation's oldest degree-granting technological university. *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked Rensselaer among the top 50 "national" univer-



MEGAN MCDADE

Megan McDade Grad Of Stonehill College

Megan McDade, daughter of Brenda and Edward McDade of Vassar Road, Feeding Hills, received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology Cum Laude on May 15th from Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts.

Megan, along with other students, was honored with a Student Life Award on April 24th. The Outstanding Senior Award was given to those students who have demonstrated a high potential for success and growth through academics as well as community and college service.

Megan plans to continue her studies in social work following a year of employment in the human services field.

Local Students Graduate From RPI

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who were awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees in May.

* From Agawam:

James Karl Dion of 28 Charest Lane; bachelor of science, magna cum laude, in mechanical engineering.

* From Feeding Hills:

Michael A. Toto of 20 Gale Street; bachelor of science in electric power engineering.

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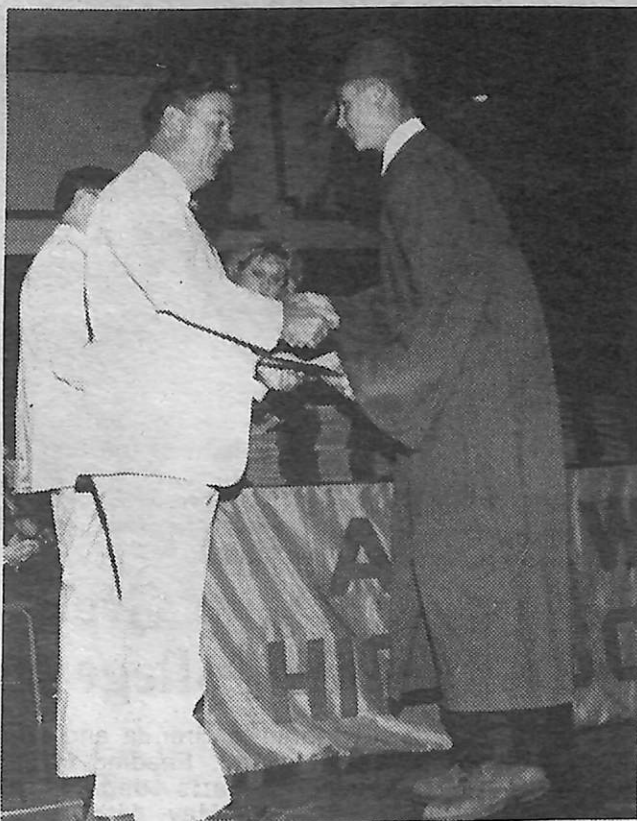
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THE CLASS OF '94 - continued...**Proud Uncle Donny**

ERIC CHAREST, a Class of 1994 member at Agawam High School, receives his diploma at Springfield Symphony Hall from his uncle, Donald Charest, the assistant superintendent of schools for the Agawam School System.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Expo Area Scholars Presents Awards To Agawam Residents

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund has awarded \$15,800 in scholarships to 43 students for the 1994-95 academic year.

The scholarship awards, given to students with roots in the Exposition Area of West Springfield, are primarily based on academic achievement and need. In addition to its own scholarship awards, the Exposition Area fund administers several independently funded memorial scholarships.

This year's award recipients include Rose Pignatari, a 1994 Agawam High School graduate, who received the Libby Boido/Pat Smith Memorial Award, which is given in memory of these former scholarship committee members, and Yolanda Ciarmatori, a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School, who received the Thomas Gamelli Memorial Award.

Recipients of the memorial awards are selected from among these students qualifying to receive an award from the Exposition Area Scholarship Fund. Those receiving memorial awards also received scholarships this year from the Exposition Area fund.

David Tuohey, president of the Exposition Area Scholarship Fund, extended his congratulations to the recipients on behalf of the scholarship committee. He also thanked the many people and organizations that continue to support the scholarship fund.

"The need for scholarship assistance seems to grow each year," he said. "Our only regret is that we can't provide assistance to everyone who applies." Tuohey said the scholarship fund received more than 80 applications for assistance this year.

The next scholarship committee event, an annual golf tournament, will be held on Sunday, August 21st at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Two Town Residents On Dean's List At Fitchburg State

President Vincent J. Mara of Fitchburg State College has announced that Kelli A. Botta and Cheryl A. Czepliel of Agawam and Susan J. Rahilly of Feeding Hills were included on the Dean's List for the spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full-time.

Fitchburg State College, which is celebrating its centennial, enrolls 6,000 day and evening students in 20 academic majors. The college was established in 1894.



AMY MCCULLOUGH

Southeastern Grad Now At Travel Agency

Southeastern Academy is proud to announce that Amy McCullough, a recent graduate from Agawam, has joined Village Travel Center in South Hadley as a Travel Agent.

Amy achieved this goal by training extensively in all areas of the Travel Industry. In addition to comprehensive travel studies, Amy met requirements in business professionalism and career development.

Southeastern Academy is located in Kissimmee, Florida and offers specialized career training in Travel and Tourism.

Susan J. Rahilly Graduates From Fitchburg State

Susan J. Rahilly of Feeding Hills, a special education major, was among the nearly 1,000 graduates who recently earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Fitchburg State College's 98th commencement exercises.

Thousands of parents, friends, and relatives attended the 10:30 a.m. ceremony on the college quadrangle.

Sharon Phaneuf On Wheaton Dean's List

Sharon Phaneuf of Feeding Hills, Class of 1995, has been named to the Dean's List at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts for the 1994 spring semester. Ms. Phaneuf is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Phaneuf.

Students must attain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

Wheaton College is a coeducational liberal arts institution with a 1,300-member student body drawn from 45 states and 35 foreign countries. It is a member of the Twelve College Exchange, which also includes Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Dartmouth, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Trinity, Vassar, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Williams.

MacDuffie Awards Agawam Students With Honors

At graduation ceremonies the weekend of June 4th-5th, several local MacDuffie students received recognition for academic and extracurricular achievements.

At an Academic Convocation preceding graduation, junior **Emily Dreyer** was named to the Honor Roll for the year. The daughter of Doug and Donna Dreyer of Feeding Hills, Emily was chosen by the faculty to receive the Holy Cross Book Award for scholarship and citizenship in the school community.

Classmate **John Davison** received the Bausch and Lomb Medal for excellence in mathematics and science. He is the son of Anna Davison of Feeding Hills. Also from Feeding Hills, sophomore **Kerri Demers** was chosen to receive a Harvey Moses Scholarship for Study in the Junior Year for excellence in English.

Kerri and her parents, Neil and Cynthia Demers, live on Briarcliff Drive. Agawam resident **Aaron Baskin**, a freshman who is the son of Margaret Baskin of River Road, was named to the Honor Roll for the year.



TARA CHRISTIAN

Tara Christian Grad Of Providence College

Tara Christian of 78 Valentine Street, Agawam, was among the 877 graduates of Providence College who received their undergraduate degrees during the college's 76th commencement exercises on May 22nd.

Tara was awarded a bachelors degree in elementary/special education (Cum Laude).

Providence College is the only Dominican College or university in North America. Under the direction of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers of the Province of St. Joseph, the college is Catholic, coeducational, liberal arts, and sciences institution with an undergraduate day school enrollment of 3,551 students.

The college offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in 35 disciplines, as well as a special cooperative engineering program with other universities. Providence College also offers an undergraduate School of Continuing Education and a Graduate School.

Dena Petrangelo Working As Intern At WGGB News 40

Dena Petrangelo is working as a newsroom intern at WGGB News 40 this summer. She has been named to the University of Massachusetts Dean's List this semester, attaining a 3.9 grade point average.

A member of the class of 1995 and Golden Key National Honor Society, Dena has a communication/journalism double major with a minor in history.

She is the daughter of Frank and Margaret Petrangelo of Feeding Hills.

Area Residents Graduate From Framingham State

Framingham State College held its Commencement on Sunday, May 29th, at 2:00 p.m. on the Village Green in Framingham Centre, MA.

Among the 1994 graduates were the following local residents:

- * **From Agawam:**
Kimberly A. Bennett.
- * **From Feeding Hills:**
Diana M. Bortolussi and Kimberley A. Longto.

Addie DiMare On Dean's List At U Of Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin at Madison announces that Addie DiMare has been named to the Dean's List for the fall and spring semesters. To achieve this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The University of Wisconsin at Madison encompasses over 900 acres, housing nine schools and colleges offering undergraduate as well as graduate degree programs, and its Athletic Department is a member of the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.



Sports

Agawam Men's Softball Standings (As Of June 20th, 1994)

NATIONAL DIVISION	W	L
Copper Door	13	3
Cortina Tile	11	5
Cabin	9	5
Plainfield/Scrubbers	8	6
Bobby's Lounge 1	7	7
E.B's	7	6
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	6	9
Sam's Sports Bar	6	10
Dante Club	4	12
Bobby's Iron Ducks	4	12
Joey's Pizzeria/Pub.	3	11

AMERICAN—NORTH	W	L
Elbow Lounge-Sharks	13	3
Italian Sporting Club	11	6
Agawam Moose Club	10	5
Village Lounge	9	5
Winn Liquors	9	7
Abbett Tax Consultants	7	7
Scoreboard Lounge	5	8
Balise/Honda	5	10
Balzer's Tool Coating	4	13
Powers Cafe	3	12

AMERICAN—SOUTH	W	L
Bertelli's Liquors	14	0
Bobby's Lounge	12	3
Pink Cadillac Productions	11	4
Buccaneer Lounge 2	11	3
Michael Anthony's	10	8
Bio Care	9	7
Coast To Coast	9	7
Buccaneer Lounge 1	7	6
Lessard Property Mgt.	7	7
Southworth Paper Co.	7	9
Heritage Hall	7	9
Paul's Lounge	5	12
Teddy Bear Pools	5	12
P.T.S.	3	12
Agawam Tire/Auto	3	12
Desi's Place	2	11

Agawam Women's Softball Standings (As Of June 20th, 1994)

"A" DIVISION	W	L
Desi's Place	12	3
Our Hideaway	12	3
T.J.'s Sporthouse	8	7
Southworth Paper Co.	4	10
Buccaneer Lounge	2	15

"B" DIVISION	W	L
Club 57	13	5
Bad News Bears	12	5
N.E. School Supply	11	7
Jessica's Lounge	11	6
Buccaneer Lounge	9	8
Desi's Place	9	9
Bobby's Lounge	4	14
Ames Plumbing Supply	1	16

SHAA Girls' 10-13 League Standings

Casa di Lisa	16
Bosquet Builders	12
One Stop Redemption	10
Polish Club Bingo	10
Agawam Lions	3
John's Trucking	3

Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball...

Coast To Coast Stops Lessard's; Bio-Care Clubs Heritage Hall, 14-1

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

It was a tough evening for the fellas from **Coast To Coast** as they were defeated by **Lessard's Property Management** Tuesday night, 11-9 in an Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball game. Both teams are in the middle of the pack in the American Division-South.

Although the final score was close, the game really never was in doubt as Lessard piled on run after run and hit after hit in the first inning. Lessard's first five batters reached base and scored and Coast To Coast was in a 5-0 hole.

It wasn't until the top of the fourth that Coast To Coast finally got it going as a lead-off triple by Scott Pushy was followed by a sacrifice fly by Rich Lavallette. Dave Champigny would blast another triple and would then score on an error to make it 5-2 Lessard.

Lessard's responded by putting two more runs on the board in its half of the fourth. Matt Levy walked as did Amando Impionbato. Steve Scagliarini would knock both in with a clutch two-out single. It was now 7-2, Coast To Coast.

The game at this point would see-saw back and fourth in the fifth and sixth frames as each teams added runs. At the close of the sixth the score stood at 11-8 in favor of Lessard's.

As Coast To Coast came up for its last at-bats, it proved to be a good effort. Lavallette would double to left and Pushy singled him in to make things more interesting at 11-9. But a flyout and then a strikeout ended the game and the high-fives and low-fives began for Lessard's.

BIO CARE 14 - HERITAGE HALL 1

In more American Division-South action Tues-

day night, the boys from **Heritage Hall** really had a rough evening as **Bio Care**, the sixth place team at presstime, sent 11th place Heritage Hall to another defeat, 14-1.

Bio Care came out in its half of the third and scored three when Ray Bronner smashed a three-run triple. A few errors by Heritage Hall set the table for Bronner.

Heritage Hall could do nothing in the first as the only man to reach base was Ron Dixon on an error. It would, however, prove harmless.

In the second, Biocare turned up the heat as Matt Crum led-off with a double followed by a single. With two men on, Bronner registered his fourth and fifth RBI of the evening with a single.

Heritage Hall couldn't get anything going in the second by going down in order with Bio Care in front, 6-0.

Heritage did score what would prove to be its only run of the night on back-to-back hits by Dave Stoddard and Dixon in the third.

The fourth frame put Heritage Hall away for good as walks, hits, and errors all piled up at once. It was ugly. Bronner got two more RBI (now up to seven for the game) and Billy Line registered an RBI safety. Before the onslaught ended, it was 11-1 Bio Care.

Bio Care put Heritage Hall out of its misery in the fifth as hits by Crum, Norm Leveque, Bobby Berthiaume, and Mike Kulik put the lead to 14-1.

The 12-run "Mercy Rule" was instituted after Heritage Hall went down without incident in the fifth.

Ag. Men's Soccer Team May Clinch

Coast To Coast Transportation, Agawam's entry in the Southern New England Men's Soccer League, needs just one more win to clinch first place.

A strong defense, led by Jim Scroggins, Grant Young, Jim Duquette, and Mike Knodler (the father), kept the attackers at bay, defeating Monson 1-0 at the Junior High field. Recording the shutout for Agawam was Radames Rivera, a Philadelphia native who surprisingly holds the career scoring record for city high school players.

Fortunately for Agawam, Radames was a goalkeeper before he played forward.

The only goal of the game was tallied in the first 10 minutes, when former AHS soccer coach Walt Willard headed in a beautiful cross from left winger David Moore, who moved here from Dublin,

Ireland two years ago.

Coast To Coast had been scoring more in previous wins, led by Moore, Tony Caputo (AHS '82), and our boys' varsity coach, Dwight Northrup, the always-dangerous striker.

The midfield this season has been controlled by recent AHS grads Kevin Willard and Mike Knodler, prep school All American Corey Turner, Sam Orlando, Jim Stacks, and Jim Rudy, the UMass women's varsity coach.

Playoffs will be this weekend, with Coast To Coast's opponent yet to be determined. Monson and Northampton are in, but the fourth-place tVam is still a question mark. The team is hoping for the return of team Captain Tim Scanlon (AHS '78), who is out with a calf injury.



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AHS Boys' & Girls' 1994 Track Coaches



COACHES OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' spring track teams in 1994 were recognized for their efforts at the annual track banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club. From left - Dean Vecchiarelli, Jeff Peterson, Kerri Caritj, Dan Beavis, and Dan Pryce. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Honors Boys' Track At Banquet



CLASS OF 1994 members of the Agawam High School boys' varsity track team were honored at the recent track banquet. From left - Chris Wilkie, Joe Bianca, Dan Moriarty, Chris Benjamin, Joe Scherpa, Mike Ryan, and Dan Moriarty. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Tri-County Baseball... Agawam Auto School On Hot Streak

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

Agawam's Tri-County League baseball team, **Agawam Auto School**, has gone on a tear by winning its last three games, including a victory over first place **Fenton's Athletic Wear**. The two-time defending champs crushed Fenton's, 9-3 at Earl Lordon Field.

Auto School jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead as Jed Brietbart walked, stole second, and scooted to third when the catcher's throw reached the outfield. Brian Doyle's infield grounder then scored Brietbart.

Fenton's came up empty in its half of the first and Auto School again went to the well in the top of the second.

Bob Altobelli ripped a safety to rightfield and Frank Mochak reached on a mishandled grounder to shortstop. With runners at second and third, Agawam High junior Nathan Wooley came to the plate and shot a grounder to third. Altobelli decided to try for home and seemed to be a dead duck. But a strong slide knocked the ball loose from the catcher's glove and Altobelli was safe.

Auto School scored two more runs in the inning as Wooley stole second and the ball on the throw was again mishandled, allowing Mochak to score. Wooley then scored on a passed ball. 4-0 Auto School.

Auto School hurler Jimmy Walker set down Fenton's in order in the bottom of the second and Auto School went quietly in the top of the third.

In its half of the frame, Fenton's would threaten Auto School's four-run lead by putting two men on. But the team's other Wooley, Jason, made a superb catch at the fence in leftfield to send Fenton's away empty-handed.

After scoreless fourth and fifth innings, and with Walker pitching an excellent game for Auto School, things got very ugly in the sixth for Fenton's as the shadows began to fall.

Auto School's Shawn Smith reached on an error and Jay Wooley stepped to the plate and sent a base hit through the hole on the left side. As Wooley tried to steal second (with Smith on third) the pitcher faked the throw to get Wooley but was too late when he whirled to nail Smith heading for the plate. 5-0 Auto School.

With two runners on and with two out, Ray Burgess stroked a two-run double to leftfield and the game was now a rout at 7-0. Altobelli then launched a shot off the rightfield fence to score Burgess and the lead had ballooned to 8-0 before the inning ended.

Fenton's did get a little rally of its own going in the bottom of the sixth. A lead-off double followed by a triple would score its first run. A base hit scored another and then an Auto School error scored Fenton's third and final run.

Leading 8-3 in the top of the seventh, Brietbart singled home Wooley, who had reached on a hit. Fenton's went down peacefully in the bottom of the seventh and Coach Gerry Smith's gang left UMass with a nice win.

Boys' Basketball Camp Scheduled For July

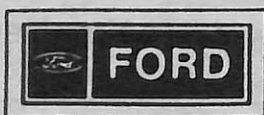
The former WNEC Boys' Basketball Camp has moved to Grande Meadows Tennis & Health Club this year. Boys from nine to 16 years of age are welcome.

There will be two sessions: July 11th-15th, and July 18th-22nd. The camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

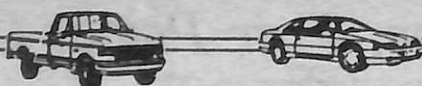
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Body Shop Now At 4-2 In 14-16 Mickey Mantle

The Body Shop split their two games this week in 14-16 Mickey Mantle baseball action.

Agawam Body Shop started the week on an upbeat note by beating St. Catherine's Cubs, 7-3. Jon Jacobsen pitched a strong game, allowing six hits while striking out 10.

Mark Tassone, Jeff Harlin, Jeff Cressotti, Jamie Scherban, Jay Peloquin, Jim Baldyga, Dom Pisano, and Jon Jacobsen all aided offensively in the win.

Defensively, Jeff Harlin made a nice running catch to snatch a fly ball, while Jamie Scherban caught a runner trying to reach home.

In the second game, The Body Shop suffered its second one-run loss of the season to Elks-61, 2-1. This thriller went eight innings, with the Elks squeaking out a run in the bottom of the eighth after tagging up at third on a fly ball.

Jamie Scherban and Dan Pellegrino both pitched a whale of a game in the loss, only allowing three Elks hits in eight innings.

Offensively, though, The Body Shop could only muster two hits of its home - a homerun by Mike Domainque and a single by Dan Pellegrino.

Defensively, Andrew Ingham kept The Body Shop's hopes alive by gunning down an Elks runner trying to steal third in the bottom of the seventh.

The Agawam Body Shop's coaches and players would like to take this time to thank the people and businesses who made this season possible for these boys to play summer ball. Without their generosity and dedication to our boys in Agawam, they wouldn't have had the chance to experience good competitive baseball.

A "special" thanks goes to Jimmy Loguidice of The Body Shop, Bruce Jacobsen of Book Binders, Dave Cleavall of Belmont Oil, Ron Chechile of Auto Craft, Joe McLean of Agawam Lawn Mower, Mike Saliba of Hastie Fence, and Bombard Insurance.

A "big" thank you to Jack Kunasek and the Park and Rec Department who always have these diamonds ready each night for these boys.

Also, *The Agawam Advertiser News* for publishing our articles and making our boys "feel important."



MEMBERS OF AGAWAM BODY SHOP, members of the 14-16 Mickey Mantle Baseball League. Back row, from left - Jeff Harlin, Marc Tassone, Al Domainque, Jamie Scherban, Dom Pisano, Andrew Ingham, John Jacobsen, Mike Loguidice, Bruce Jacobsen. Front row - Dan Pellegrino, Jason Peloquin, Chris Chechile, Jeff Cressoti, Mike Domainque, Jim Baldyga, Jeff Rousseau. Missing: Coaches John Pellegrino and Jim Baldyga. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Baseball/Softball Camp Coming Back To Sacred Heart Athletic Fields In July

The baseball/softball camp will be back at Sacred Heart Church Athletic Fields for the week starting July 25th. The camp will be four days of instruction and games, and all aspects of baseball and softball will be covered.

The camp will run daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The camp instructors will include Lou Conte, the varsity boys' coach; Brian Rheault, the assis-

tant boys' varsity coach; and Deb Lickley, the varsity girls' softball coach.

The camp will run Monday through Thursday, with Friday being a make-up date. The cost of the camp is \$85.

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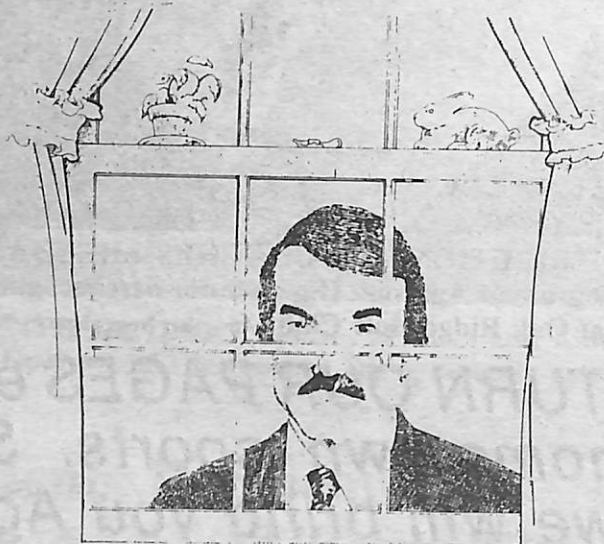
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AHS Seniors Honored At Baseball Banquet



CLASS OF 1994 members who had good seasons on the Agawam High varsity baseball team are pictured at the annual banquet at Oak Ridge Golf Club. From left - Brian Anderson, Brian Klinakis, Eric Mastroianni, and Jeff Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AAN Golf Tip Of The Week...

The World's Greatest Golfers Share Their Keys To Mastering The Game

Compiled by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
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Micro Test	9	4	1
Agawam Police	7	4	1
Westfield Savings	8	6	0
Valenti's	1	11	0

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THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COACHES SHEEHAN and VIENS to the junior varsity baseball program at Agawam High School were recognized at the annual baseball banquet on June 14th at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Legion Team Still Seeking Elusive First Win Of Season

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

The Agawam American Legion team has experienced a tough time so far this season and is still in the hunt for that elusive first win. At presstime the locals are stuck at 0-5, including two losses this past week to East Longmeadow and Aldenville, both at home.

The EL game was a bitter pill for Agawam as it had many opportunities to score but just couldn't cash in. The Spartans jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first.

Pitcher Brian Colby walked a few, absorbed a few errors in the field, and then some timely hits by EL gave the visitors the 3-0 cushion.

Colby would only last three innings as Carm Battista came in to finish the night. The Agawam side tried to rally with a few base hits here and there by Brian Klinakis, Steve Blanchette, and Chris Wilkie. But it wasn't meant to be this night as the locals just couldn't catch a break.

EL added two more runs for a 5-0 advantage before Agawam would finally break into the scoring column on an RBI safety by Jay Votzak in the sixth.

Highlights of this game for the locals included a nice catch by leftfielder Joe Willis, and several nice plays at second base by Tony Circosta (who was filling in).

Against Aldenville, the team came out flat as a pancake. The potent Aldenville offense didn't take long to put this one away. The locals lost, 10-2 after seven long and hot innings.

Agawam Little League Standings As Of 6/19

MINOR LEAGUE	W	L
Bolduc Screen Printing Yankees	10	2
V.F.W. 1632 Red Sox	9	2
Teddy Bear Pools Mets	8	3
Italian Sporting Club Indians	5	5
Green Thumb Landscaping Brave	4	7
Mercolino's Bakery Giants	4	6
Polish-American Club Royals	3	7
Agawam Lions' Club Dodgers	3	8
Commercial Disposal Orioles	3	9

MAJOR LEAGUE	W	L
Agawam Police DARE Orioles	12	3
Mushy's Recreation Yankees	12	3
Rollaway Mets	9	6
Bridgeport National Royals	9	6
H.P. Hood's Giants	8	7
Schlaffer Chiropractic Indians	7	8
Hastie Fence Athletics	6	8
Valenti's Restaurant Red Sox	5	10
Soda & Pet Food City Dodgers	4	11
Laureno Lumber Braves	2	12

Agawam's Babe Ruth 2nd Round Standings

13-15	W	L	T	P
Bridgeport Bindery Yankees	6	0	0	12
Corner Deli Indians	5	1	0	10
Grand Lumber Royals	4	1	0	8
* Padres	3	3	0	6
Mike Walsh Braves	3	2	0	6
Country Jeep Eagle Jays	3	3	0	6
B.G.D.W. Red Sox	1	4	0	2
Rockies	0	5	0	0
Microtest Orioles	0	6	0	0

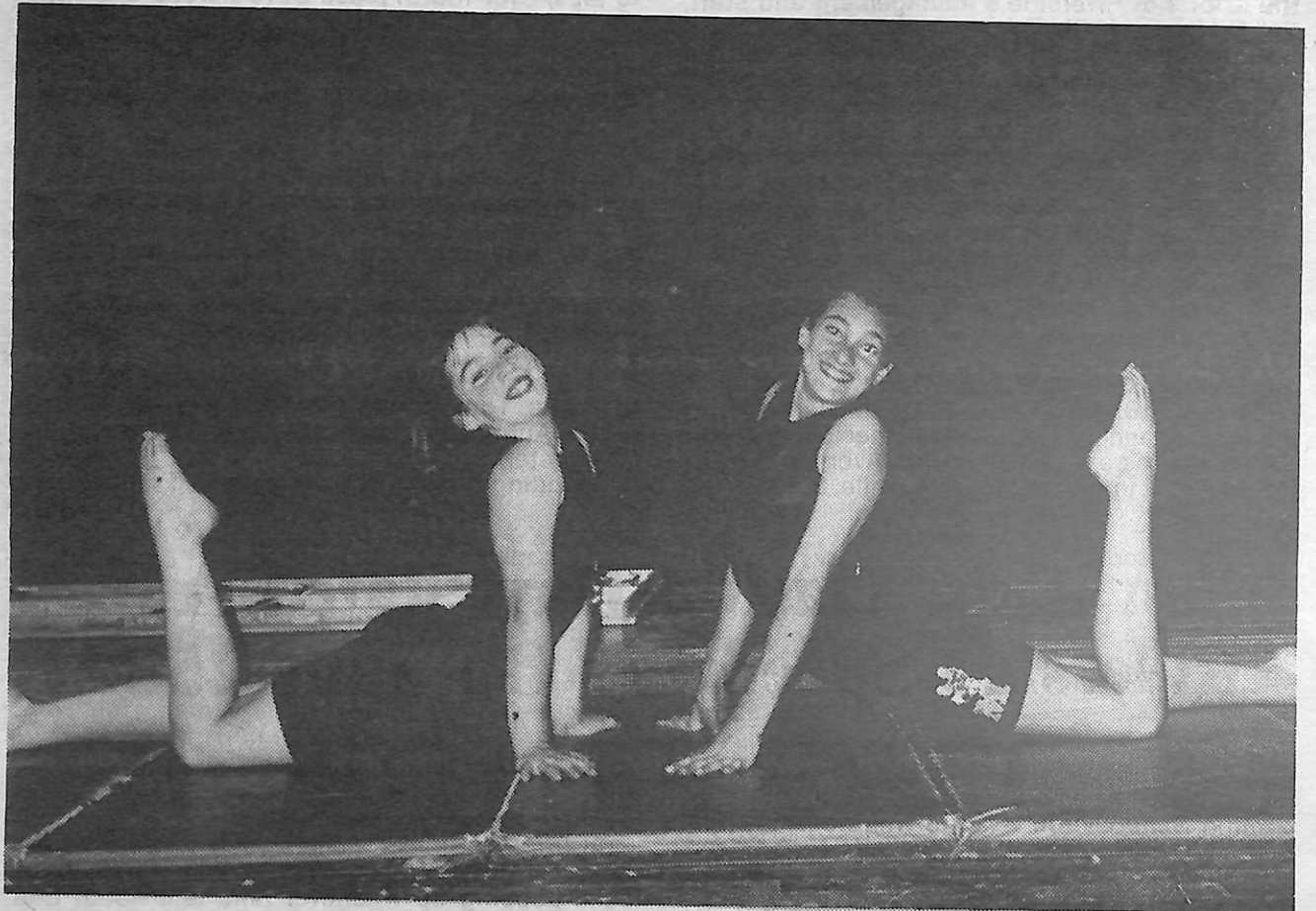
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AHS Boys' Lacrosse Team Improves In '94



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL boys' lacrosse team, still in club status, continued on the road of improvement in the spring of 1994 under the direction of Coach Jeff Corbin (back row, left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SEVENTH GRADERS Lindsey Hadden and Kim Pietroniro, both members of the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Team, recently competed at the Annual Chorus Show.

Two Jr. High Students Perform Tumbling Skills At Annual Chorus Show

Kim Pietroniro and Lindsey Hadden, seventh grade students at Agawam Junior High School, recently performed some of their tumbling skills at the Annual Chorus Show under the direction of Ms. Susan Brown.

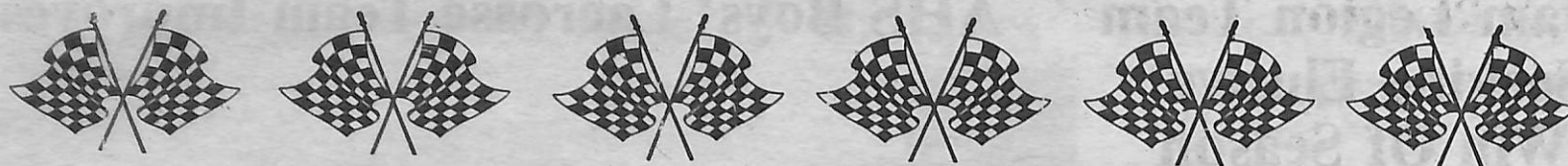
Both girls are members of the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastic Team and recently competed in the Level 7 Massachusetts State Championships. Kim took first place honors on the floor event and she placed third all-around in the state with a

score of 34.15. She is the daughter of Vincent and Carol Pietroniro of 34 Cedar Knoll Dr, Feeding Hills.

Lindsey earned first place honors in the uneven bars and finished ninth all-around. She also took first place all-around in the final competition of the season in Framingham, Massachusetts. She is the daughter of Robert and Linda Hadden.

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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Lightning Storm Turns Speedway Into Bizarre Scene Last Saturday

Without question, Saturday, June 18th marked the most "bizarre" night in the history of Riverside Park Speedway.

At 6:00 p.m., lightning hit a 100-foot tree above the Winston Tower (this blew all the power out and the Tower). Then, at 6:15 p.m., promoter/director Ben Dodge, Jr. was faced with a disaster—half the stadium was closed due to the dangers created by the tree hit by lightning.

Still, the show went on as Dodge and his staff closed and inspected the area of danger. Through the efforts of Riverside's management and staff, the Budweiser/ACME Auto Supply special event was run, and an amazing 4,125 fans witnessed the events as they filled seats in over half the stadium and the open pavilion area. The Budweiser/ACME had everything ... even the kids' Big Wheel races!

Even at this point, the night's problems had yet to come to an end. Ten cautions marred the NASCAR tour-type Modified main event, and the first one came right on lap one when front-row setter Rich Savary got crossed up. However, it was Reggie Ruggiero who became the first driver to drop out for the night; then, Bobby Gee settled in to the lead with a borrowed ride.

As the race progressed, Gee was pressured heavily by Brian Miller, Doug Meserve, Jim Houghton, and Bruce Dell. Another caution was called and, as a result, sent Dan Avery to the pits (thereby losing four laps). Meanwhile, Stan Greger

also pitted several times.

Yet, during the final 10 laps, it was **Steve Park** who moved around all the problems; at one point in this feature, he led by almost half a lap! With just three laps to go, Stan Greger pitted with a flat tire, and Chris Kopec had done a great job to battle up front.

As the checker finally came out, it was Steve Park in the Joe Brady-Sunoco Cavalier over Chris Kopec (Triple B Tow), who made a great comeback run. Third was Bobby Gee (who led for over 15 laps) over fourth-place Dave Berube and fifth-place Brian Miller (sponsor wanted).

Sixth through 10th went to Stan Greger (Manafort), Tim Zambelli, Jim Houghton (Westchester Police), Dan Avery (Porter-Chester), and Ed Spiers (Sunoco Service).

Dave Berube won his first Pro Stock feature for the 1994 season in the Seraphine Ford Thunderbird. This event started with Mitch Drownowski and Bennitt Fuller dicing it up for the lead.

At the first restart caution, Fuller and Drownowski got crossed up. The field scrambled, sending six cars to the pits; this was a slug fest to the checker.

Following the popular Berube to the checker line was Tom Fearn (Pot Belly), Eddy Carroll (Cliff's Auto), John Lobo, and Dave Caruso (Bianchi Register).

Rounding out the top 10 were Ted Hebert, Ed

Carroll, Jim Baintfield, Tom Carey, and Blaine Belz.

Tom Keller won his first victory ever in the Late Models. Keller has had a tough season, as this was only his second time out for a second week.

Ernie Tarca also showed much potential with a great run that ultimately earned him a second-place finish. Third was Wayne Coury (another independent), followed by Johnny Seybold and Rick Hartenstein (each of whom made a great run).

The sixth- through 10th-place finishes were earned by Gene McClain, Joe Czarnecki, Chuck Docherty, Ted Chalmers, and Gary Fioramanti.

Rob Valerio won his fourth Strictly Stock victory over Herb Carlon by inches, and Larry Bouchard, Roger Fujimoto, and Ken Marques managed to round out the top five.

Sixth through 10th in this race were Todd Owen, Al Leone, Bruce Battles, Jeff Soukoup, and Chuck Alessio.

This Saturday, June 25th, it's Bumper to Bumper Night at Riverside Park Speedway, with a trackside pit party for the race fans from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The event is family priced at just \$12.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under.

Fan Appreciation Day Slated At Riverside Speedway On June 25th

The third annual Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts Stores' "Fan Appreciation Day" to be held this coming Saturday, June 25th, will close the first half of the 1994 season at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA. The June 25th event will mark 14 weeks of NASCAR Winston racing series events completed in a record-breaking season at the successful quarter-mile facility.

Just as Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts Stores are the leaders in automotive service needs, Riverside Speedway is also a leader in the auto racing scene for Saturday events. Over 250 cars attend the speedway in the NASCAR tour-type Modified division, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks.

This Saturday, June 25th, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts will host a trackside "Fan Appreciation Party." This will give race fans, the sponsors, and car owners a chance to ride in a real car. All divisions will be represented and, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., everyone trackside can go for free rides, get autographs, photographs, etc. It's great family fun.

Still, the big news is the competition for points in Riverside's various divisions. Modified competitors such as Reggie Ruggiero, Stan Greger,

Chris Kopec, Dan Avery, and Steve Park will be out in force, thereby making the action even more exciting at the speedway.

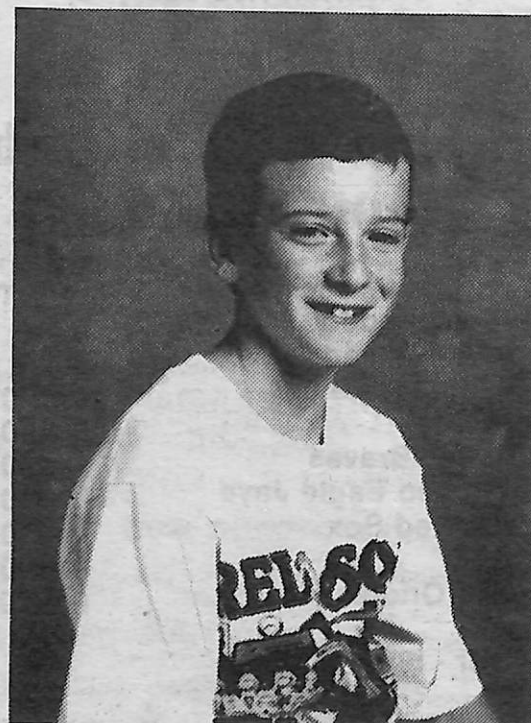
In the Pro Stocks, names such as John Lobo, Dave Caruso, Tom Carey, and Tom Fearn have been popping up whenever fans talk about this division. Meanwhile, Late Model drivers such as Gee Perry, Chuck Docherty, Gary Fioramanti, and Ted Chalmers have been heating things up with their respective styles of racing.

And last, but certainly not least, the Strictly Stock division boasts formidable drivers like Chuck Alessio, Rob Valerio, Scott Neleber, Roger Fujimoto, and Herb Carlon. You can be sure that everyone who races in this division—as well as in the others at Riverside—gives it their all each and every week at the quarter-mile track.

After the June 25th event, Riverside Park Speedway will begin the second half of the 1994 season and (as always) will provide great value, fun, and entertainment every Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. For additional information, call today at (413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

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Racing At Riverside - continued...

Riverside Park Speedway STANDINGS

MODIFIEDS

Reggie Ruggiero	228
Chris Kopec	226
Stan Greger	218
Steve Park	204
Dan Avery	200
Doug Meservey	130
Bob Gegetsas	128
Brian Schofield	124
Brian Miller	118
Ed Spiers	110

STRICTLY STOCKS

Rob Valerio	276
Chuck Alessio	262
Roger Fujimoto	218
Scott Neleber	206
Herb Carlon	192
Al Leone	162
Todd Owen	144
Roy Houle	136
Joe Arena	134
Ken Marques	128

STRICTLY STOCKS

Rob Valerio	42
Chuck Alessio	42
Roger Fujimoto	36
Joe Kokoszka	34
Ken Marques	28

Snap-On-Tools Championship Series (After 1 Event)

MODIFIEDS

Dan Avery	26
Reggie Ruggiero	24
Bruce D'Alessandro	22
Steve Park	20
Jim Houghton	18

PRO STOCKS

John Lobo	204
Dave Caruso	202
Tom Fearn	172
Tom Carey	170
Eddy Carroll	166
Bill Lauridsen	126
Ed Carroll	110
Lou Prior	108
Barry Gray	102
Dave Berube	102

NAPA Championship Series (After 2 Events)

MODIFIEDS

Reggie Ruggiero	48
Chris Kopec	48
Steve Park	36
Dan Avery	28
Brian Schofield	28

PRO STOCKS

Barry Gray	26
Eddy Carroll	24
Ed Carroll	22
Sumner Chapman	20
Tom Carey	18

PRO STOCKS

Tom Carey	50
Dave Caruso	46
Tom Fearn	40
John Lobo	36
Eddy Carroll	26

LATE MODELS

Glenn Griswold	26
Ted Chalmers	24
Ricci Nazzuitti	22
Chuck Docherty	20
Gary Fioramanti	18

LATE MODELS

Gee Perry	228
Chuck Docherty	214
Gary Fioramanti	208
Ted Chalmers	178
Fred LaForge	164
Marty Leary	160
Glenn Griswold	134
Joe Czarnecki	100
Rocco Mazziotto	86
Gene McClain	82

LATE MODELS

Gee Perry	52
Gary Fioramanti	46
Ted Chalmers	38
Fred LaForge	34
Chuck Docherty	26

STRICTLY STOCKS

Allan Sudyka	26
Dave Ellison	24
Rosi Hall	22
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Roy Houle	18

Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—
1003 No. Westfield St.
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Trying To Prevent Clinton From Dismantling Hunting And Fishing Programs

A coalition of the nation's top conservation organizations has petitioned Congress to intercede on behalf of sportsmen to block the Clinton administration's move to dismantle hunting and fishing programs on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

In a June 3rd letter asking for congressional redress, the coalition outlined a series of actions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which will shut sportsmen out of more than 260 refuge units where hunting occurs. Nine national sportsmen organizations signed the letter.

Furthermore, the coalition (in the letter) told the committee that the first critical action to stop hunting was the Fish and Wildlife Service's settlement of refuge litigation brought about by the Defenders of Wildlife and the Wilderness Society last fall.

The service agreed that secondary uses, including fishing and hunting, would be terminated "expeditiously" after October 1st unless it made written findings that:

1. Fishing and/or hunting is a compatible use on any refuge.
2. The refuge has an adequate budget to administer fishing and hunting programs.

The out-of-court settlement will increase the complexity of the findings and require greater personnel resources to prepare a record that will satisfy the plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit.

The coalition pointed out that the extra cost and complexity will make it difficult to sustain hunting and fishing programs.

The second action was the Clinton administration's proposed Fish and Wildlife service budget for fiscal 1995. While the total budget request reflected a \$50 million increase over the fiscal 1994 levels, funding to operate the refuge system was increased by only two percent. Most of that increase was related to NAFTA implementation, with funds targeted for Texas and New Mexico.

In contrast, major budget increases were proposed for endangered species programs (34 percent) and endangered species land acquisitions (184 percent).

Director Mollie Beattie's March 7th "Refuge Funding Actions" directive found that the refuge system is underfunded to such a degree that units must be closed down in spite of the service's proposed budget increase.

Moreover, it directs that an array of uses, which can include fishing and hunting, be stopped to save money.

Here is the fly in the ointment (her directive continues on): only those wildlife recreation uses (i.e., hunting and fishing) that are "1) high quality, 2) low cost, 3) not duplicated on other public lands, and 4) reach a wide and diverse audience" are to be continued.

This cleverly eliminates hunting and fishing in the refuges, for they are available on Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and state lands. All ready refuge managers are interpreting this to mean that fishing and hunting programs are to be given low or no priority.

The fate of these programs is sealed by the interaction of the legal settlement and the director's budget directive. It will be impossible for the service to make written findings of adequate funding with Beattie on record ordering unit closure because of funding shortfalls.

The Conti's Wildlife Refuge is from the mouth of the Connecticut River to the source. The river is enjoyed by thousands of users (boaters, fishermen, hunters, swimmers, and waterskiers). Mollie Beattie's directive will close down the river.

Now is the time to buy the 19¢ postcards and mail them to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies asking for congressional redress of actions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (which will shut sportsmen out of more than 260 refuge units where hunting occurs).

The coalition has started the ball rolling; now it is up to the individual sportsmen to support the effort and to flood the committee with objections via the 19¢ postcard on the decision made by Mollie Beattie (Director) to eliminate hunting and fishing on refuge land.

Muzzleloading Hunting In Vermont

This fall in Vermont, the muzzleloader season will only allow the taking of bucks with three-inch or longer antlers; the does will be protected. The decision to make only bucks legal was recommended by the biologists in view of the harsh winter endured by the deer.

Hunters killed 10,043 bucks in the November 1993 hunting season. This total was just slightly over the statewide objective of 10,020 prescribed in the Deer Management Plan.

The department's winter severity index was calculated to be 101 points—almost double the long-term average of 53 points.

Vermont's moose applications will be available beginning July 1st. Permits will be issued to 36 residents and four non-residents. Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15th, 1994.

In New Hampshire, the department is recommending that the seasons remain the same for hunting the following birds:

—Snipe, September 15th through November 30th; eight birds.

—Woodcock, October 1st through November 14th; three birds per day.

—Sea ducks, September 15th through December 30th; seven birds per day (only four scoters in the total seven).

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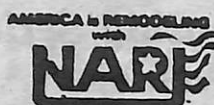
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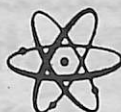
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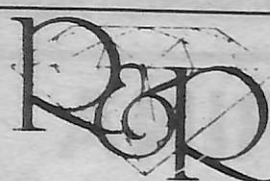


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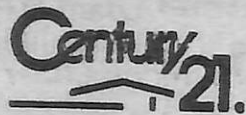
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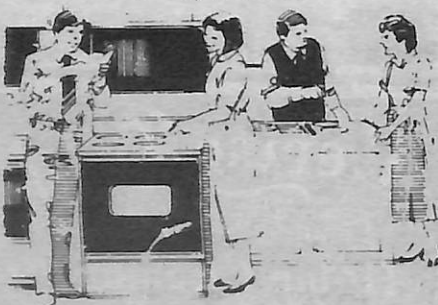
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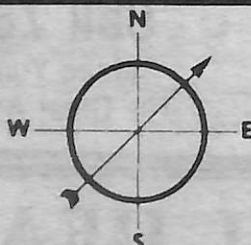
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